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A West Beirut man shows his young son a collection of shells and bombs stacked outside the PLO's information office yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

France, Egypt want UN to back Palestinians

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — A major diplomatic initiative aimed at promoting international recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the inclusion of the PLO in the Middle East peace process was inaugurated here yesterday by France and Egypt.

The initiative is part of a general plan to end the fighting in Lebanon. Although 14 members of the Security Council, and Lebanon, have indicated their support for the French-Egyptian resolution on the issue, the U.S. and Israel have expressed their opposition.

France and Egypt submitted the resolution yesterday morning to the Security Council, which met at their request. Both the French representative Luc de la Barre de Nanteuil and Egyptian delegate Esmat Ahmed Abdel Meguid who addressed the Council yesterday morning, indicated that they are ready to make changes in their draft resolution so as to enable the U.S. to support it.

The two have made it clear in both private and public discussion that their new diplomatic effort is aimed at winning U.S. approval of the right of the Palestinians to self-

determination and a Palestinian state.

According to a press report published yesterday, Egypt has told the U.S. it would give haven to the PLO terrorists now trapped in Beirut if the U.S. guaranteed the establishment of a permanent homeland for the Palestinians. Observers here tied the Egyptian effort at the UN to this new Egyptian idea and believed that American support for the Egyptian-French resolution would open the door to an Egyptian agreement to absorb the PLO fighters.

The resolution urges that Israeli and PLO forces withdraw from Beirut and proposes a political framework — which is the heart of the proposal — for a political settlement between Israel and the PLO. The political part of the resolution starts by re-affirming "the right of all states in the region to existence and security" which is an acknowledgement of Israel's legitimacy and a key element of resolution 242.

The document then affirms "the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people including their right to self-determination with all its implications" and determines

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W. German spy to go home after 10 years' jail

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A West German computer technician who spent the past 10 years in an Israeli prison after being convicted on espionage charges was due to be deported to the German Federal Republic this morning, The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The man, Peter Pohlmann, 33, was arrested exactly 10 years ago today by Israeli security authorities and sentenced to 15 years for "violating the law against infiltration and offenses against state security," Prisons Authority spokesman Shimon Malka said.

Pohlmann, a native of Frankfurt, was tried behind closed doors, a source familiar with the case said.

Unconfirmed reports published abroad said that while working as a computer technician for Israel Aircraft Industries, he had passed secret IAI computer plans and designs to Syria.

When arrested by security authorities in Israel, Pohlmann pleaded that he had been blackmailed into espionage by the Syrians during a trip abroad, the reports said. He later told German embassy officials, who visited him regularly in prison, that he was innocent.

An embassy spokesman, asked to comment on the case, would only say that Pohlmann's release "has been in the works for a long time."

Pohlmann will be accompanied to Germany by Anne Ponger, Israel correspondent for Sud-Westfunk, a German radio station, and the Neue Zürcher Zeitung and Vienna Presse newspapers, who first publicized the case and will cover his reunion with his family.

Pohlmann, Malka said, a "quiet, highly intelligent model prisoner," was due for release on July 29, 1987, but his sentence had been cut by a third for good behavior.

A deportation order was issued a few weeks ago.

Both Malka and the embassy spokesman said that Pohlmann will be repatriated this morning.

"He worked as a teacher in prison, teaching inmates German and English," Malka said. "He spent most of his time reading literature about languages."

Pohlmann was kept with Jewish prisoners in Ramle prison's so-called "Hilton" wing, which has better living conditions than other parts of the prison.

Beirut cease-fire holds despite minor breaches

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Beirut enjoyed its first day of cease-fire yesterday after seven days of air, sea and land bombardment.

But in the eastern sector of Lebanon, one terrorist was killed when an Israel Defence Forces unit engaged an enemy squad that entered the Israeli-held area.

The IDF spokesman said the brief battle took place near the village of Amik. The announcement added that Israel viewed the incident as "a serious breach of the cease-fire," which may have been a warning to the Syrians who, IDF officers maintain have shown they can control terrorist action from their territory.

The cease-fire in Beirut was broken by mortar and sniper fire, but the attacks did not develop into full-scale clashes.

According to the IDF spokesman, terrorists fired several mortar shells at IDF positions near

the Beirut international airport at 2 p.m. He added that "the IDF is continuing to maintain the cease-fire." The soldiers at the front have received strict orders to hold their fire and are closely following the terrorists' moves.

Apparently fearing Israeli sniper fire, the terrorists moved very carefully yesterday. They were reported to have opened sniper fire in the Hadaith, Ashrafiya and Museum areas. TV reporter Micha Limor reported he had heard several shots in the port area and several rounds were fired near the airport and the Burj-al-Barajneh refugee camp.

The Israel Air Force continued to fly over Beirut yesterday.

The Lebanese police said yesterday that 252 persons, mostly civilians, were killed on Tuesday and Wednesday. AP reported. Rescue teams were searching the rubble of devastated buildings for more victims.

Arab League presents terms for PLO exit

Wants sureties for Palestinian camps

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

JEDDA, Saudi Arabia. — The Arab League has deemed it necessary that the PLO declare a decision to move its armed forces out of Beirut, the official Saudi press agency quoted Arab League secretary-general Chadi Klibi as stating yesterday.

Klibi, the agency said, announced that the Arab League Committee on Lebanon ended two days of talks here in a bid to defuse the Lebanese crisis. His statement on the PLO withdrawal from Beirut was seen here as an Arab response to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's demand for a clear and unequivocal statement from the PLO about its willingness to leave Lebanon. Klibi told reporters that the PLO would agree to leave only after receiving guarantees for the safety of 300,000 Palestinians living in Lebanon. The League statement, however, did not amount to a commitment by the PLO to withdraw.

Klibi outlined a six-point Arab League plan for a solution to the crisis. The plan worked out by the Arab League committee for approval by the PLO and the Lebanese government, is as follows:

- To work diligently for observing the cease-fire;
- The PLO announces its decision to move its armed forces from Beirut and defines guarantees for

this move, and guarantees to be worked out with the Lebanese government for the security of the (Palestinian) refugees;

- To work for lifting the siege on Beirut and its suburbs through a withdrawal of the Israeli forces;
- The Lebanese government takes all measures capable of ensuring security of the residents of Beirut and its suburbs, including the Palestinian (refugee) camps;
- International peace forces to participate in ensuring the security of Beirut and its suburbs;
- The Arab states are to carry out

necessary political action to help Lebanon implement the UN Security Council resolutions 508 and 509 fully.

"The committee affirmed the determination of the Arab states to pursue action for halting the Zionist aggression on Lebanon and end the tragedy of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples," added Klibi.

It was reported in Beirut last night that top PLO political adviser Hani el-Hassan endorsed the six-point proposal. But he insisted that Israeli forces encircling the city must also withdraw.

Habib discusses 'final stumbling block'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik al-Wazzan yesterday to discuss proposals for a resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

With at least three Arab governments having declared willingness to take in some of the PLO terrorists trapped in West Beirut, the remaining stumbling block to an agreement appears to be the timing and positioning of the proposed multinational force.

Former Lebanese prime minister Saeb Salam said that the PLO had agreed to withdraw from Lebanon "in principle." But PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that he was still waiting for an official proposal from Habib.

There were other conflicting voices as well. Salah Khalaf ("Abu Tyad"), No. 2 man in Fatah, the main terrorist organization in the PLO, said that there had been no real progress in Habib's mission.

"There is no room for optimism," he said. Habib was bringing the Lebanese situation back to square one and the U.S. was asking the PLO to raise a white flag, he added.

Khalaf's reaction was delivered hours after Habib met with Salam. Other PLO spokesmen were more circumspect in their reactions.

Mahmoud Labadi, chief information officer of the PLO, said that the organization had not rejected Habib's offer worked out during his week-long shuttle among Arab capitals.

Shamir: 'U.S. shares our goals in Lebanon'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Diplomatic Reporter

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said last night that whereas Israel and the U.S. shared the same objectives with regard to the crisis in Lebanon, there were "occasional differences from time to time about the ways those objectives should be attained."

Shamir, who was interviewed by Israel TV prior to his departure for the U.S. this morning, said that occasionally some American officials felt that Israel was "going too far" with regard to West Beirut, but in any case there were conflicting

views about this within American officialdom itself.

The foreign minister said that Israel had been and still was ready to have a cease-fire in Lebanon, but there was no reason why the Israel Defence Forces should not "hit back hard" if shot at by the PLO.

Shamir said that American mediator Philip Habib believed he would have a clear idea in a day or two as to the PLO's intentions, and Israel, too, felt it was very important to know whether the PLO really meant to quit the Lebanese capital.

Close to midnight last night, Jerusalem had not yet received any

word about the progress of the Habib mission.

Shamir will be meeting the new Secretary of State George Shultz for the first time, and trying to establish a working relationship with him. He will also call on President Ronald Reagan at the White House, and he is likely to meet Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Shamir and Shultz will be mulling over every facet of the Lebanese crisis, from the urgent issue of the PLO exodus from Beirut, to second-stage questions like the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the

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Officials prepare Kinshasa visit

Post Diplomatic Reporter

A small team of officials left Jerusalem yesterday for Kinshasa to make the final preparations for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Zaire next week.

Begin will hold two rounds of talks with Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko in Kinshasa. He will receive the freedom of the city of Kinshasa, and visit Mobutu's huge agricultural estate, which is directed by Israeli farming experts.

The Zaire ambassador in Israel, Mbuze N'some Lobwanabi, discussed various aspects of the Begin

visit when he called at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. He later told reporters that his country needed more help from Israel in the field of agriculture.

Mobutu and Begin are expected to discuss ways in which Israel's special relationship with the U.S. might be used to champion Zaire's cause with the U.S. administration, on Capitol Hill, and in American public opinion.

Jerusalem officials hope to transform the Begin visit into a major news-media event that will have spin-offs in the U.S. as well.

Fire destroys thousands of trees in Mt. Carmel Park

HAIFA (Itim). — Fire brigades from Haifa and Hadera, helped by Jewish National Fund workers, yesterday fought a forest fire raging across 500 dunams in the Mt. Carmel Park from the Tirat Hacarmel garbage dump to Beit Oren.

The blaze has already destroyed tens of thousands of natural woodland with its pines and oaks. Mordechai Ben-Porat, head of the JNF afforestation department, said.

By 7 p.m., the fire in the area of the Hai-Bar wildlife reserve had been brought under control. The animals there were not hurt, a spokesman said. Of the reserve's 6,000 dunams, only several hundred towards the west had been affected.

The fire broke out at about 1 p.m. and a JNF fire spotter called the fire brigades.

The hilly terrain, distant from

sources of piped water, made it difficult to fight the blaze and light planes were called in to spray water and chemicals on the sea of flames beneath them. The strong winds fanned the fires, keeping the 15 fire engines and the planes busy preventing the blaze from leaping forward out of control.

The fire-fighters have not yet determined what caused the blaze. Brush fires whipped by winds also spread over three other areas on the Carmel — Ya'arot Hacarmel, Jalameh and Nesher — and were brought under control by late afternoon. Near Nesher, a detergent plant was damaged.

About a dozen other brush fires broke out in various parts of the Haifa area yesterday, but were brought under control before doing any damage.

The fire brigades are investigating the possibility of multiple arson.

Ali in U.S. to try to persuade Shultz

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali is scheduled to meet today with Secretary of State George Shultz to press Egypt's position linking the Lebanon situation with the Palestinian question.

Ali, who is also expected to meet with President Ronald Reagan, is said to have come here with a per-

sonal message from President Hosni Mubarak.

Israel Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir is due here on Monday for a similar round of talks with Shultz and Reagan. He is expected to find a tougher mood here, since the latest set of casualty figures coming from West Beirut has tended to increase criticism of Israel.

The Washington Post commented in a lead editorial: "Israel had been making a certain headway recently in its efforts to demonstrate that accounts of civilian casualties had been greatly overdrawn. On Tuesday, it diminished the good it had done itself."

A possible solution was proposed by the former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union and Israel, Malcolm Toon, who said that the U.S. should bring the Soviets back into the Middle East negotiating process. Writing on Wednesday in The Los Angeles Times, Toon, now retired, said:

"The way to achieve a settlement is not to limit the process to a circle of our friends but to get all the major interests in the region to feel that they have a substantial stake in a solution and to take a role in achieving it. For this reason, it may now be time to deal the Soviets back in."

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Safed	42	17-28	28		
Haifa Port	59	20-30	30		
Tiberias	47	21-34	35		
Nazareth	50	20-28	30		
Afula	58	21-31	32		
Shomron	46	20-28	29		
Tel Aviv	58	22-31	31		
B-G Airport	53	22-30	32		
Jericho	30	21-36	37		
Gaza	71	22-28	29		
BeerSheva	30	20-31	32		
Eilat	18	25-37	38		

Jerusalem merchants oppose war loan

Post Economic Reporter
The Jerusalem Merchants Association yesterday called upon merchants throughout Israel not to pay the war loan voted by the Knesset last week.

Association secretary Avraham Birnbaum told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had informed Finance Minister Yoram Aridor that they would not pay a loan that, he said, is higher than that paid by salaried workers.

HOME NEWS

Labour calls on government to end West Beirut bombing

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's political bureau yesterday called on the government to end the aerial bombing of populated centres of Beirut. The party also came out strongly against the Franco-Egyptian initiative in the UN Security Council.

In its call on the government to halt the aerial bombing, the bureau cited the loss of civilian life and the damage to "Israel's image as a democratic state based on humanitarian values." This resolution was adopted unanimously, as were many others.

The resolutions included a call for a cease-fire on all fronts in Lebanon and for the continuation of diplomatic negotiations "to remove the PLO from Beirut to Arab countries and the pullback of all foreign forces from Lebanon." The emphasis on evacuating the PLO "to other Arab countries" is seen as an open rebuff to former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has advocated removing the PLO temporarily to the Tripoli area and the Bekaa valley. The idea has been rejected by the Israeli and Lebanese governments.

Concerning the Franco-Egyptian initiative, the bureau passed a resolution stating that the party "rejects all efforts to whitewash the PLO and be fooled by its propaganda of lies. The PLO remains exactly what it has been and any change or addition to UN Security Council resolution 242 would destroy that resolution and the basis it provides for negotiations in the region."

It was decided that the Labour Party would soon launch a worldwide information campaign to explain its position on the war. Labour emissaries will explain the background to and causes of the war and will dwell "on the distortions, misinformation and anti-Semitic manifestations that accompanied criticism of Israel in recent weeks."

Another resolution deals with a brewing internal conflict in the party. Referring to Wednesday night's meeting of the Ometz group, the members of which come from Labour, Mapam and the Citizens'

Rights Movements, the resolution called on party members to "stay away from various rallies and gatherings."

Although the turnout at the Ometz meeting was small, it raised political temperatures in Labour, and doves and hawks appear once again to be close to conflict. The resolution adds that the status of Ometz, which is opposed by some members on the grounds that it is an extra-party grouping, would be investigated.

Labour chairman Shimon Peres tabled the resolution in an attempt to stave off another round of party infighting. In his address to the bureau he called on party members to "stop Ometz's activities altogether." He said the grouping was illegal according to party rules, and that its gatherings were causing divisiveness in the party. "It is time party members evince some patriotism for Labour. The party cannot function in a situation in which each member pulls in another direction," Peres said.

Knesset Member Yossi Sarid, one of the leaders of Ometz, rejected all criticism of the group. Saying that "it is founded on an ideological basis," he asked why that is less acceptable than groupings on a personal basis. This is a double standard. If we can run with Mapam on a single Knesset list, why is it not acceptable to join them in an ideological platform?"

Sarid reported that he had been invited recently to meetings with several PLO leaders, but had refused. "There have been too many contradictory statements and too much trickery on the part of the PLO lately. If Arafat declares openly and unequivocally that he recognizes and accepts the legitimacy of Israel's right to exist, then I will be the first to confer with him, but not until then," he said.

Sarid came under attack from hawkish MK Shoshana Almosino, who urged him "to stop suffering the way you are in Labour." She asked why Sarid does not "draw the same conclusions that Arie Eliaz once did and quit the Labour Party."

She warned that if the doves did not stop holding their gatherings and meetings, the hawks would do the same.

Smugglers flee leaving cars and goods behind

BEERSHEBA. — Security forces recently captured three cars used to smuggle goods into Israel near the Nitzana border, post, with Egypt. The incident took place three weeks ago, but was revealed yesterday.

After a security patrol discovered tracks thought to be left by smugglers, an ambush was set up. One night security and police forces

spotted the three cars approaching from Egypt.

The smugglers, however, spotted the trap and fled, leaving the cars behind. The three cars contained an estimated \$300,000 in contraband. A check showed that one of the cars had been stolen from Dimona and the others from elsewhere in the country.



Visiting U.S. film actor Peter Strauss chats with a wounded Israel Defence Forces soldier yesterday at the Beit Feldman rehabilitation centre in Netanya. (Shai, IPPA)

Rabin says the invasion was inevitable

CHICAGO (UPI). — Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday the high civilian casualty toll in Israel's invasion of Lebanon is necessary because the PLO "hides behind" civilians.

"The whole concept of the PLO was to use the civilian population as a shield and a force," Rabin told a news conference.

Rabin, in Chicago to promote the Israel Bond campaign, said the invasion was inevitable because of PLO terrorism and the recent history of the Middle East. "It was

especially justified when it comes to the PLO," Rabin said. "They state very clearly that we have no right to have a state. If Israel decided to eliminate them, I don't see any problem."

In Cologne, the Israeli ambassador to the German Federal Republic said yesterday that Israel is carrying out "the most humane siege imaginable" on West Beirut.

Ambassador Yitzhak Ben-Ari said in a radio interview that the Israel Defence Forces was allowing food, water and "everything possible" into Beirut.

Israel to sell Mirages to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Argentina is to buy 22 Mirage III-C fighter jets from Israel in its first major arms purchase since the Falklands conflict, the Buenos Aires *Herald* said yesterday.

The newspaper also reported that France was expected to deliver five Exocet missiles to Argentina, once its arms embargo is lifted. It was not immediately clear how the military planned to finance the arms buildup, as the country reportedly is already \$600 million behind on payments of its \$35 billion foreign debts.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry issued a communique yesterday warning politicians that the recent lifting of a six-year ban on political activities does not mean they are free to criticize the government as vehemently as they have been doing recently.

Several leading politicians have called for a "dismantling of the military and paramilitary apparatus" and the destruction of "torture instruments."

3 dismissed workers allege political motive

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Three former employees of the ECI electronics company, which, among other things, supplies communications equipment to the Israel Defence Forces, allege that they were fired because of their left-wing political beliefs.

Roni Ben-Efrat, who worked in ECI's Tel Aviv factory for one year and four months and had tenure, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that she had been fired on the third day of Operation Peace for Galilee.

She said that she had been told by management that her political ideas were leading to the "demoralization of the workers."

Another worker was fired a month after Ben-Efrat, and yesterday a third worker, Hannah Zohar, was fired. Ben-Efrat and Zohar stated their case on Israel Radio earlier yesterday.

A company spokesman denied the charges and told the radio that the women had been fired because they were not suitable for the job.

Zimbabwe troops lose track of guerrillas

HARARE, Zimbabwe (Reuters). — All track has been lost of a guerrilla gang which kidnapped six foreign tourists in Zimbabwe and threatened to kill them, security sources said yesterday.

The guerrillas, trying to force political concessions from Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government, are hiding in the southern bush.

Their last reported message said the hostages would die tomorrow if the government did not release

detainees and stop alleged harassment of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo.

Sources close to the search by military troops said the kidnappers were not expected to carry out the death threat immediately, but they did not elaborate.

PYM. — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym left London yesterday for Washington, where he is due to hold talks with Secretary of State George Shultz.

Corfu sees no barriers to ending Sabbath flights

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Haim Corfu said yesterday he was confident that El Al's Sabbath flights would end at the beginning of September. He added that he did not believe that Likud MK Dan Tichon would carry out his threat to stall the necessary approval by the Knesset Finance Committee.

The government's intention to close the national carrier on Saturdays and other Jewish holidays, in accordance with the coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael, must win the Knesset committee's approval because of its budgetary ramifications. A committee that Corfu appointed contended that cessation of those flights would cost El Al some \$40 million a year, as about a quarter of the airline's passengers fly on the Jewish holy days.

The coalition has a majority of one in the Finance Committee. Tichon said he will demand a thorough examination of the effects of a cessation of flights. "This may take more than a month," he said yesterday.

Corfu told *The Jerusalem Post*: "I highly respect Tichon's independence and original thinking," but the coalition had sent him to the Finance Committee and Knesset Members who did not abide by the directives of those who sent them would be replaced.

Meanwhile, El Al president Yitzhak D. Shander told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the question of possible staff dismissals with the elimination of the Sabbath flights had not been discussed by the airline management. He was commenting on a TV report that at least 300 persons would have to be dismissed on September 1.

Arkia grounds planes in row with pilots

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 1,400 Arkia passengers had to travel overseas yesterday after the airline grounded its planes in a dispute with the staff.

All domestic flights were grounded after the pilots introduced sanctions in their struggle against management's decision to fire 21 of them and to transfer eight others to ground positions.

Most of the affected pilots said they were so upset by management's decision that it was too risky for them to fly.

"I couldn't operate the flights with only half the pilots," airline president Arik Achmon told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Management wants to fire 21 of

the company's 62 pilots because of the drop in tourism.

The pilots argue that management undertook to keep all of them when it bought the company from the government two years ago. As recently as March 1982 it signed an agreement to keep these pilots — and it should honour its word, staff committee spokesman Dan Chamiz said.

The Histadrut has been trying to mediate, but Achmon said management will examine suggestions only after the workers return to normal work.

The management indicated that it expected the lock-out to continue today, but said it was examining the possibility of chartering planes from El Al, Maof and "anyone willing to give us planes."

3 yeshiva students held in death after fight

TEL AVIV. — Police are holding three Bnei Brak teenagers — all yeshiva students — in connection with the death yesterday of a 36-year-old man, a police spokesman said.

The three, aged 17, 18 and 19, were arrested on suspicion of being involved in a fight on a Bnei Brak

street in which the man's skull was fractured.

The man, who the spokesman said was a *hasid yeshiva* (new Orthodox), died yesterday evening in Beilinson Hospital.

The dead man's name has not been released, pending notification of his family.

Gov't asked to replace damaged waterpipe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Eilatun local council has asked the Defence Ministry to replace the water pipe damaged when an ammunition dump near the Golan Junction exploded two weeks ago.

War booty from Lebanon was kept at the dump. Eilatun residents are still short of

drinking water as a result of the blast. The Israel Defence Forces last week began supplying the village with 200 cubic metres of water daily, but this is half the average consumption.

The council also wants the Defence Ministry to compensate the owners of about 40 dwelling, said damaged during the explosion.

Israel protests against flag burning

Post Diplomat Reporter

The Israeli embassy in Stockholm yesterday delivered a sharp protest to the Swedish Foreign Ministry about the burning of the Israeli flag during a soccer match this week played by Tel Aviv Hapoel against Norrköping.

The Swedish official who received the protest promised the matter would be looked into with urgency.

Burglar makes off with policeman's gun

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BNAI BRAK. — Police mounted massive manhunt here last night for a burglar who, caught in the act by a policeman, kicked him to the ground and stole his gun before fleeing.

The policeman was hospitalized, but is described as being in satisfactory condition by the police spokesman. He added that the policeman managed to fire a few shots before losing his weapon to his assailant, and the fugitive may have suffered a gunshot wound.



An Israeli soldier and a Lebanese civilian play sheshbesh (backgammon) yesterday in the Ba'abda section of Beirut. (Duda'i, IPPA)

SECURITY COUNCIL

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that the PLO "shall be associated" in negotiations to that end. The most important point in the resolution is the support for the right of the Palestinians for "self-determination," which implies the right for a state.

Egyptian and French diplomats here indicated that they had received PLO chief Yasser Arafat's support for the resolution, and expressed their belief that a combination of the mounting fighting in Beirut, the stalemate in the diplomatic negotiations and the new approach of Secretary of State George Shultz to the Middle East would eventually lead the Americans to support an amended version of the resolution. "This resolution will become the new 242" one Egyptian diplomat said.

Israel charged yesterday that the Franco-Egyptian draft resolution was designed to "foil efforts" to remove the PLO fighters from West Beirut and all of Lebanon.

"Israel is totally opposed to the resolution," Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in a brief radio interview on the eve of his departure for the U.S. for talks with American leaders.

"This draft resolution is designed to foil efforts to remove the terrorists from Beirut and from Lebanon," he said.

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington: Unless France and Egypt agree to significant changes in their draft resolution linking the immediate crisis in Lebanon to the broader Palestinian question, the U.S. is expected to use its veto to block passage.

But U.S. officials yesterday confirmed that U.S. Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick has been instructed to inform her Egyptian and French colleagues that their earlier-circulated joint "working paper" on the subject remains "a serious basis for study."

The language in that paper goes considerably beyond UN Security Council resolution 242 and the Camp David framework agreement in promoting Palestinian self-determination and the participation of the PLO in peace negotiations.

Some Middle East specialists at the State Department did not want Kirkpatrick to go even that far in suggesting to the French and the Egyptians that the U.S. might be talked into accepting a new resolution.

But other senior administration officials were reported anxious to give the Egyptians and the French an opportunity to revise their draft by accepting the more modest U.S.-preferred formulations. But the French and Egyptians are considered unlikely to accept them, U.S. officials said.

Israel's Ambassador to Paris Meir Rosenne this week made strong representations to the Quai d'Orsay about the Franco-Egyptian initiative.

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domestic political pattern likely to emerge once the shadow of the PLO is lifted.

The foreign minister will be devoting considerable time and energy to presenting Israel's case on the Lebanon issue. He will brief committees on Capitol Hill, give many press and television interviews, and seek maximum exposure — all this in line with the awareness in Jerusalem that much has to be done to alter the focus on Israel's Lebanese policy in U.S. opinion.

Shamir sent his spokesman, Avi Pazner, ahead to line up the news-media schedules. He is taking his deputy director-general, Hanan Bar-On, with him, as well as his chief of bureau, Yossi Ben-Aharon. He will stay in the U.S. most of the week.

En route to Washington, Shamir will stop over in Switzerland and confer with a number of Israeli ambassadors serving in Western Europe. Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday that he believed in Israel's ability to realize all its demands to attain security and peace with Lebanon. He told heads of the defence establishment: "It depends only on us, our internal strength and our readiness to wage a protracted struggle as long as necessary."

DIGGING. — Police yesterday arrested a resident of Tulkarm on the West Bank on suspicion of illegally dealing in antiquities. In a search of the suspect's house, police say, they found 27 valuable ancient coins, gold rings and glassware.

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Idea of information post seems to be abandoned

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The plan to appoint Likud Knesset Member Ehud Olmert as a deputy minister in charge of information has apparently been abandoned. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday from sources close to the prime minister.

Olmert was to have been appointed a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office. Prime Minister Menachem Begin said this to a group of Liberal MKs recently, by way of explaining why he cannot appoint Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i as information minister.

But as with the idea of creating a separate information ministry, the Olmert appointment has been stopped by heavy opposition from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. His position is so unyielding, according to Begin's aides, that even the prime minister cannot bend him. According to some sources, Shamir went as far as to say that "it is either me or Olmert."

Opposition to an information ministry or to any sort of authority in charge of information has been traditional with the Foreign Ministry under many past governments. Twice an information ministry was set up and had to be scrapped very quickly, chiefly due to lack of cooperation from the Foreign Ministry.

Shamir is on record as opposing an information department under ministerial or deputy-ministerial

authority on the grounds that "this is not what is needed now and this is not going to be the panacea for Israel's image problems overseas."

The underlying reason is said to be fear in the Foreign Ministry of losing control of information operations that are under its auspices. The line of policy explanations would no longer be under its supervision. When Begin tried in 1977 to create an information ministry, as called for by the Likud election platform, his new foreign minister, Moshe Dayan, complained that this would leave "the Foreign Ministry without any tasks at all, except to make sure the country is represented at cocktail parties everywhere." As a result, the Likud never set up the Information Ministry. It had always advocated and Shmuel Katz, who had been tipped to head it, remained outside the cabinet.

Shamir further argues that he already has a deputy, the National Religious Party's Yehuda Ben-Meir, who can attend to information campaigns — whenever necessary. Removing the authority for information to the Prime Minister's Office would only result in inter-ministerial wranglings, it is said.

On the other side it is argued that as a deputy minister, Olmert would only indirectly deal with overseas information, through the Government Press Office, for example, which is in any event under the Prime Minister's Office. (Interview, page 5).

7th-century TA mosaic causes stir

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Knesset Member Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment-Labour) yesterday urged Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and Knesset Education and Culture Committee chairwoman Ora Namir to stop "the destruction of ancient archaeological sites" on the grounds of the Ha'aretz Museum.

Bar-Zohar's call followed the removal of a seventh-century Samaritan mosaic from its place on the museum grounds. Museum executive chairman Rehavam Zeevi told the Jerusalem Post yesterday he had ordered that the mosaic be removed in order to preserve and restore it.

Complaints about the destruction of the site came from the former director of the Ha'aretz Museum's, Jaffa, Archaeological

Museum, Ya'acov Kaplan, who was recently dismissed by Zeevi. Kaplan had asked that the mosaic be restored 10 years ago, but had been turned down by the museum's former management.

Zeevi told The Post that all that remained of the site was the mosaic floor, which had the bases of pillars inside it. He said the mosaic had eroded with time, but that previous museum managements had postponed restoring it. The mosaic stones were being restored in another part of the museum, by a mosaic restoration expert, Doron Bar-Adon.

In an announcement to the press, the Museum spokeswoman said that Zeevi had allotted more than IS10,000 for restoring the mosaic.

Zeevi said the mosaic would be returned to its place after being restored.

Hammer will look into the matter, The Post learned.

Zayyad urges PLO to hold-out for state

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIRA. — Nazareth Mayor Tawfik Zayyad yesterday called on the PLO leadership in Beirut to leave only if they can go to "a Palestinian state that will arise alongside Israel."

Zayyad, also a Democratic Front for Peace and Equality Knesset Member, was speaking at a memorial assembly for Nazia Matar, a PLO official slain in Rome

last month and buried in this village near Kfar Sava. He said that the Palestinians have proved their will to fight and they must be willing to make sacrifices in order to achieve independence.

Several thousand residents from the area attended the assembly. Matar's Italian-born wife, Clara, came from Rome for the occasion with her seven-year-old daughter.

Red Cross replaces missile-damaged supply ship

BONN (Reuters). — The Red Cross found new ways yesterday to get aid to civilian victims of the Lebanon conflict after the crippling of its relief ship by a Soviet-made Grad rocket.

The Flora, sailing under the auspices of the International Red Cross, is in Larnaca harbour awaiting repairs expected to take three weeks after being hit in Jounieh harbour on Tuesday by a missile fired from West Beirut. The missile killed a seaman and wounded three Red Cross staff and

six dockers. A West German Red Cross spokesman said a chartered Hercules freight plane had increased the frequency of its flights from Larnaca, Cyprus, to Damascus and Tel Aviv, from where its 20-ton Red Cross loads are sent overland to Lebanon.

He said 900 tons of aid, including 500 tons of rice, other food and powdered milk, blankets and hygienic goods were also being assembled in Ravenna, Italy, for passage by chartered ship to Lebanon.

Model boats to comp etc at Dor beach next week

HAIFA. — An armada of 500 ships will set sail from Dor beach on Tuesday — but they will only travel for 100 metres. For the vessels are all models made by youngsters from 30 youth clubs all over the country.

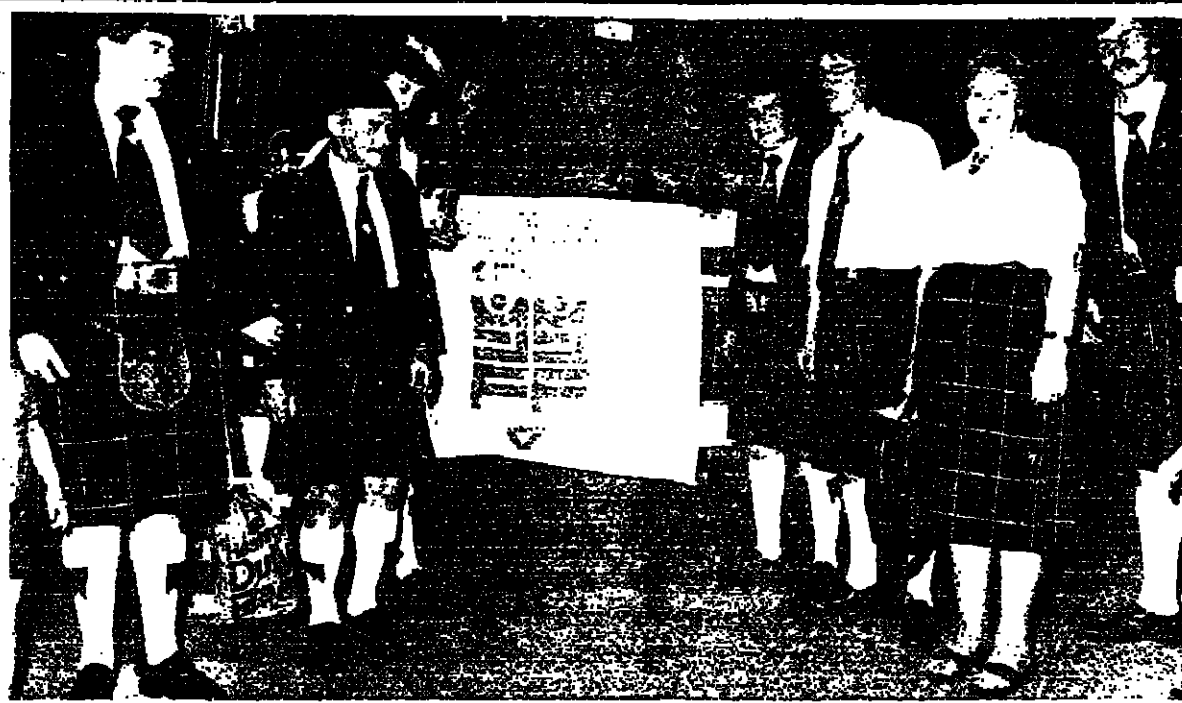
The model sailing ships will complete a marked course and will have to cross the finish line within a time limit. Prizes will be awarded for the five fastest ships. A special cup named in honour of David Stier, who drowned when the Zim freighter Mezada sank in March 1981, will be presented to the best overall club.

During the competition there will also be a display of model aircraft flying.

The competition has been organized by the Association for the Promotion of Youth Clubs in Israel.

Russian church head ends 10-year tour

Archimandrite Nicolai, the head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Jerusalem, returned to Moscow on Wednesday after a 10-year tour of duty here. Egumen Panteleimon, who was deputy head of the mission, succeeds Nicolai.



Members of the Scottish bagpipe and folk-dance troupe pose before their bus yesterday after arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport for the Fifth International Folklore Festival, opening in Haifa tomorrow night.

5th Folklore Festival opens tomorrow night

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Fifth International Folklore Festival is to open as planned tomorrow night, despite the war in Lebanon. Groups from seven countries are scheduled to take part.

Folk dance troupes from Sicily, France, Puerto Rico, Portugal, the Basque region of Spain, West Germany and Scotland are bringing with them their own colourful traditional costumes and music. For the Sicilians and the Basque troupes it will be their first appearance in the biennial event. The groups will be joined by top Israeli dancers and musicians.

The Scots bagpipe players and

dancers are led by Captain G. Bain, 75, who first saw Israel as a British soldier in 1936. He fell in love with the country and has been back several times.

A festival village has been set up on the Technion campus for the visiting dancers and musicians. The first public performance is to be at the sports palace in Romema tomorrow night, followed by other performances there, at the auditorium in central Carmel and at Kiryat Haim during the week.

There will also be special shows at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem on August 4 and in Petah Tikva the following night.

New men in top Defence Ministry jobs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Ministry's new acting director-general, Aharon Beit-Halahmi, will assume his post on Sunday, the ministry's spokesman announced yesterday. He replaces Avraham Ben-Yosef, who will head the ministry's mission in North America.

Beit-Halahmi, a reserve tat-aluf (brigadier-general), will head the ministry until January, when Air Force Commander Aluf David Ivri is to become director-general. Beit-Halahmi will then become deputy director-general.

Beit-Halahmi received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the Technion and his master's in computer sciences in the

U.S. He served in the air force as an electronics engineer from 1958 to 1977, before becoming head of the defence establishment's research and development unit.

Ben-Yosef, who has headed the ministry since December, when Defence Minister Ariel Sharon forced Yosef Na'ayan out, was deputy head of the ministry's mission in Europe in 1966. He was recalled on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War to become deputy director-general for special assignments, and in 1976 he became assistant director-general. In his new post, he will be responsible for Israel's arms purchases.

Aryeh Levi, who heads the North American mission, will become director-general of the Paz petroleum company.



Aharon Beit-Halahmi



Avraham Ben-Yosef

McCloskey charged with 'hip-shooting'

WASHINGTON (AP). — A member of the U.S. Congress just back from the Middle East charged one of his colleagues with "hip-shooting diplomacy" and urged lawmakers to avoid meetings with PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Representative Elliott Levitas (Democrat-Georgia) said on Wednesday that Rep. Paul McCloskey (Republican-California) "was used by Arafat in a way that was harmful to diplomatic efforts in the Middle East."

McCloskey and Levitas were among six members of a House of Representatives fact-finding delegation that went to the Middle East last week. Levitas returned after visits to Lebanon, Israel and Syria.

The others stayed on to visit Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

On Sunday, five members of the delegation met with Arafat in Beirut and obtained from him a signed statement that McCloskey said effectively recognized Israel's right to exist.

Others in Congress, as well as spokesmen for the State Department and the PLO, have since said that the document did not mark an important policy change.

Levitas said that he had returned early from the trip because he was scheduled to be floor manager for a bill in the House and because he believed the visits to Lebanon and Israel were the most important part of the mission.

Discotheque guard held in bombing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BERSHEBA. — The guard at a local discotheque is being held on suspicion of hurling a grenade into the dance hall on July 17 and injuring two persons, police here announced yesterday.

The guard, Yitzhak Kimchi, was remanded into custody for 15 days earlier this week, police said. He is

suspected of throwing the grenade after a group of young people demanded to be let into the discotheque without paying the admission charge.

Kimchi pleaded that he had had trouble with the group on numerous occasions, and that once one of the group had brandished a weapon. One of the persons wounded by the grenade was remanded into custody immediately after the incident.

DRIVE-IN CINEMA

Correction — In today's Magazine, the time of showing of

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Beach privacy is for men only

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Women seeking peace and quiet on a beach reserved for women only found that it was swarming with men yesterday, while a nearby beach reserved for men remained out of bounds to women.

The inspector usually at the entrance to the "religious" beach — intended to enable religious women to bathe and sunbathe out of men's sight — did not come to work on Tisha Be'Av, and the lifeguards did nothing to prevent men from entering the walled-off beach freely. Rowdy youths played racket ball and ran around flinging sand at the women.

But on the nearby beach reserved for men, lifeguards ordered any woman who accidentally entered to leave immediately.

On weekdays, the women's beach mainly serves Orthodox women, who bathe fully clothed and wigged. Other women use the beach for nude sunbathing.

Students leave flats near Temple Mount

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Questions continued to surround the identity of who, if anyone, had indeed authorized yeshiva students to move on Wednesday into three empty Arab homes near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The squatters had evacuated all the homes by yesterday morning. But their spokesman, Rabbi Shlomo Aviner of the Torat Kohanim yeshiva in the Old City emphatically re-stated that they had had permission from the "proper authorities" to occupy the flats.

There were reports yesterday that Defence Ministry aide Uri Bar-On had authorized the move. Bar-On yesterday was not available to answer several phone calls to his office from The Jerusalem Post and did

not return the calls.

The homes seized by the students nearest the Temple Mount was sealed by security forces in October 1972 after two terrorists who lived there had been caught. Since then it has been under the jurisdiction of the Defence Ministry.

Rabbi Aviner told The Post yesterday: "We've done nothing without a permit. We entered by permit, and we left when we were told to. We always do what the authorities tell us, and we can't give you more information than we have."

Jerusalem police spokesman Ziv Rotem said yesterday that the squatters evacuated the apartments after police had asked them to do so. No arrests were made, but a team headed by Pakad Meir Gilboa was appointed to investigate the matter.

3 reservists guilty of robbing prisoners

TEL AVIV. — Three reservists were convicted by a military court here yesterday of robbing prisoners in Lebanon. They were sentenced to jail terms and given fines.

Rav-Turai (Corporal) Daniel Malka, 28, R-T Yehiel Shoval, 29, and Samal (Sergeant) Efraim Steinmetz, 31, all married and fathers, were found guilty of abusing their authority and "changing from disciplined soldiers into a gang of thugs and robbers," according to the judges, who added: "An enlightened army cannot tolerate such behaviour."

Malka and Shoval were in charge of guarding prisoners being taken from Tyre and Sidon to prisons in Israel on a bus driven by Steinmetz. Shoval carried out body searches of

the prisoners — who were blindfolded with their hands bound — during which he robbed them of watches, cigarette lighters, rings and an estimated 4,500 Lebanese pounds (about IS22,500).

Shoval divided the loot with the other two. Steinmetz changed the Lebanese money into shekels and invested it in a bank in Israel, the court found.

Malka was given six and a half months in jail, three and a half of them suspended; Shoval was given seven months, four of them suspended; Steinmetz was given five months, four of them suspended. The first two were each fined IS2,500, while Steinmetz was fined IS5,500 because he invested his loot. All were reduced in rank to private.

Rehovot-Marjayoun match rescheduled

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — A delegation of Maccabi Sha'arayim sport club members left here yesterday for Marjayoun, Southern Lebanon, to explain to their counterparts there why a friendly football match scheduled for tomorrow had been postponed. The game is now scheduled for Tuesday, August 10.

At a meeting yesterday with Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's assistant, Avi Dudai, the group was told that Jewish Orthodox circles had objected to holding the game on the sabbath.

Dudai also promised that Sharon would try to find time to participate

in the festivities in honour of the visiting team, Jedida Marjayoun.

The game is called the Peace for Galilee — Peace for Lebanon match, and a special cup will be awarded to the winner. Each Lebanese team member will be the guest of a Rehovot team member with Mayor Yehzekel Harmelech scheduled to host Major Sa'ad Haddad, leader of South Lebanese Christian militia.

Harmelech yesterday denounced the Orthodox for their opposition to the game's being held on Shabbat, and said their action only polarized communities in Rehovot. Reports that the game had been cancelled caused fistfights in the town on Wednesday evening.

Electric Corporation discusses cutting costs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Switching from oil to coal holds out the greatest promise of cutting operating costs. David Haguel, chairman of the board of the Israel Electric Corporation, said yesterday.

Haguel said this after a meeting of the board to discuss how to

improve efficiency.

The board's planning and budget committee considered "matters that have a bearing on bringing down the cost of power generation and of the corporation's operations," the company spokesman said.

The committee instructed management to draft a detailed programme toward that end.

21 children injured in Shefela in July

REHOVOT (Itim). — Of the 85 persons injured in road accidents in the Judean foothills Shefela region in July, 21 children aged 3-16, the police spokesman said yesterday.

One of the victims was a girl of nine who was run over on a pedestrian crossing, he said.

July was the first month of the school summer vacation.

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New South African political dispensation to be announced

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa. — South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha will deliver a crucial speech today outlining plans to share political power with the country's Indians and coloureds (people of mixed race).

Delegates of the ruling National Party from South Africa's four provinces will gather in Bloemfontein to hear Botha spell out his plans for political reform at a federal congress of the party. The gathering is only the fourth of its kind in the party's 50-year history.

Although possessing little power — under the party's constitution key decisions are taken by the four provincial congresses — the federal congress will allow Botha to gauge his grass-roots support and will provide him with a platform to outline his plans to both party and nation.

Botha will for the first time give details of how his government intends to proceed with political changes that should bring an end to an exclusively white-ruled South Africa. However, the country's

overwhelming black majority is not expected to figure in the proposals. Political commentators expect Botha to propose a three-chamber parliament, one for each of the three racial groups concerned, and an executive presidency, with himself as the first incumbent.

Meanwhile, a trial ceasefire in the bush war in South-West Africa (Namibia) will be declared on August 15, with the seven-month independence process to start on September 15. Foreign Minister P.W. Botha has told political leaders in the territory.

At the same time, Botha accused SWAPO (South West African People's Organization) leader Sam Nujoma of ordering the execution of senior Namibian black and white politicians. "Apart from the mentality displayed by these coldblooded orders, the question arises if a free and reasonable election can be held when leaders are being threatened with death merely because they differ politically from SWAPO," Botha said. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Seychelles coup bunglers sentenced for hijacking jet

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (UPI). — Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare, leader of white mercenary operations in Africa for two decades, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in jail for hijacking an Air India passenger plane after bungling a coup attempt in the Seychelles Islands last November.

Supreme Court Judge Neville James handed down a 20-year prison term to Hoare, 62, who was found guilty on three counts of air piracy, but ordered that 10 of them be suspended.

Judge James said the actual coup attempt had been "a farce." On Tuesday, James found Hoare's 41 comrades-in-arms guilty on various hijacking charges and acquitted one mercenary, American Charles Dukes, 25, who had been wounded and was carried aboard the hijacked plane while unconscious.

Three of Hoare's lieutenants, Briton Peter Duffy, 40, Tullio Moneta, 32, and Pieter Doorewaard, 28, both South Africans, were each given effective five-year jail terms. Three other mercenaries were given 30 months

in jail, another was sentenced to a year, and the remaining 34 men were sentenced to five years, of which James suspended all but six months.

Hoare and his comrades who were given sentences longer than six months applied for leave to appeal against the sentences. James said he would hear the applications at a later date.

The judge said the 34 were "basically decent people who had fallen to the temptation of easy money" and said, "They should be punished, but not too severely." He said they are "men of high potential who should be given the opportunity to reform."

When Hoare, formerly an accountant, fled the Seychelles aboard the Air India Boeing, five of his men stayed behind and were later captured. Last month four of them were sentenced to death for treason by a Seychelles court. Another drew a 20-year jail term while a sixth, Robert Sims, Hoare's brother-in-law, was given 10 years in jail for illegally importing weapons.

Man hospitalized after pope rejects donkey

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — A Brazilian who staged a 4-day hunger strike in St. Peter's Square in an attempt to get Pope John Paul II to accept his donkey as a gift, has been taken to a Rome hospital for treatment, Vatican sources said yesterday.

The Brazilian, Damiao Galdino de Souza, 42, was taken to the hospital on Tuesday after he complained of feeling ill in the boarding

house where he was spending his nights, the sources said.

During the daytime, Galdino de Souza has been staging a silent protest in St. Peter's Square, mostly lying down beside the square's central obelisk.

He told reporters he would continue his hunger strike until the Vatican agreed to fly his donkey "Jerico" from Rio de Janeiro for presentation to the pope.

1.3 kilos of metal removed from boy's stomach

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — Surgeons in Baghdad extracted 1.3 kilograms of assorted metalwork from the stomach of a boy whose idea of a solid meal included nails, razor blades, spoons and glass, the Gulf News Agency reported yesterday.

The 17-year-old boy, identified as Ibrahim Han, was brought to hospital suffering from several abdominal hemorrhages. X-rays revealed he had been swallowing the solids over a long period of time. The agency did not say if Han survived the operation.

Another intruder at Buckingham Palace

LONDON (AP). — A German tourist entered the grounds of Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, Scotland Yard reported yesterday.

A statement issued by Scotland Yard said: "A German woman, a tourist, was questioned and released without charge after wandering into an area of Buckingham Palace

grounds adjacent to the palace forecourt. She was promptly challenged and questioned."

Three weeks ago, a 31-year-old London man scaled a palace fence, climbed up a drainpipe and entered the queen's bedroom. She talked to him for nearly 20 minutes before police arrived.

Watt apologizes for letter on U.S. Jews

NEW YORK (UPI). — Interior Secretary James Watt apologized on Wednesday for a letter linking U.S. support for Israel to Jewish backing for U.S. government energy policies and said American Jews had "every right to be upset."

Watt made the apology as President Ronald Reagan, during a nationally televised news conference, defended Watt, saying that "he shouldn't be fired."

Watt met leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) at the agency's New York headquarters. His apology appeared in a news release issued by the ADL after the meeting.

Watt could not be reached for comment Wednesday night, but his spokesman, Douglas Baldwin, described the meeting as "very congenial" and said: "We have no reason to think they (the ADL) misrepresented the meeting."

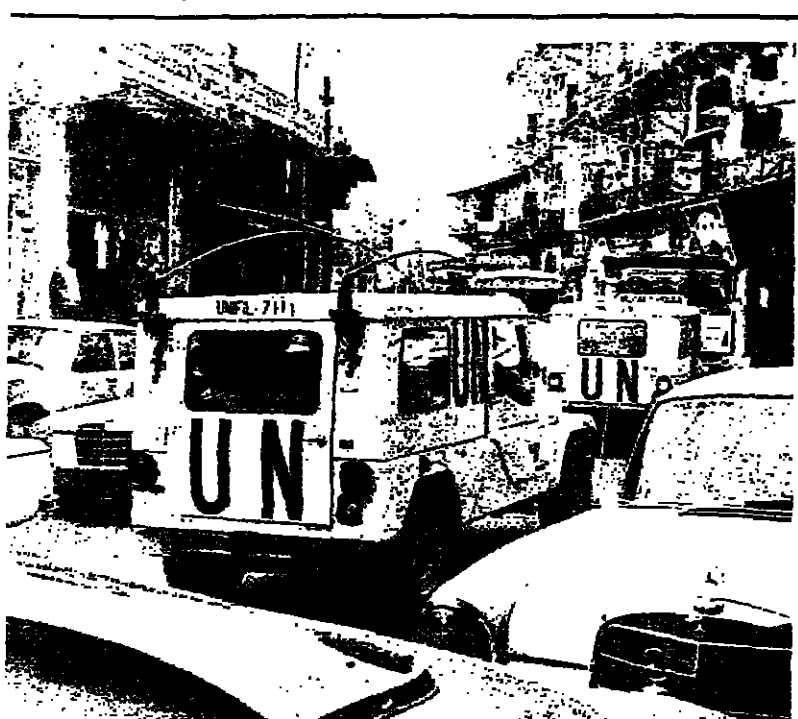
Watt has been under fire for a June 16 letter to Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens that said that if "liberals in the Jewish community" oppose the Reagan administration's energy policies "they will weaken our ability to be a good friend of Israel."

Reagan said Watt's letter discussed the potential "danger to Israel" from "our vulnerability as long as

we are dependent on energy from insecure sources."

Reagan said Watt wanted to warn the Jewish community that in the event of another Arab oil embargo, the U.S. would find itself "without the energy needed to turn the wheels in this country and industry."

In such a dangerous situation, "we wouldn't be much of an ally to our friends — and that would certainly include Israel," Reagan said. The ADL said Watt admitted that the letter was a "mistake." It said he offered apologies for the letter and told the group that the American Jewish community had "every right to be upset."



UNIFIL jeeps return to East Beirut after being refused entry into West Beirut by the PLO. The UNIFIL men wanted to check the damage done to foreign embassies by the shelling of the area. (IPFA)

UN says PLO is preventing relief work

VIENNA. — The PLO has stopped UN supplies from reaching refugees in besieged West Beirut and South Lebanon for the past 10 days, a UN spokesman said yesterday.

The Vienna-based UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) said the PLO had ordered an armed five-man guard to prevent any supplies from leaving UNRWA's West Beirut warehouse since July 19.

Contacts between UNRWA and the PLO had failed to have the order rescinded. Distribution teams in West Beirut

have been without flour, rice, sugar, canned meat and skimmed milk to issue to about 30,000 refugees.

Meanwhile, a UN survey mission headed by Swedish Ambassador Anders Thunborg estimates that about 300,000 Lebanese and 83,000 Palestinians there need help.

The mission was in Lebanon July 5-11 and left some members there until July 17 to gather additional information.

Thunborg gave his report to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar last Monday. (Reuters, AP)

Arab diplomats' wives start hunger strike

WASHINGTON (AP). — The wives of three high-ranking Arab diplomats went on a hunger strike on Wednesday afternoon across the street from the White House to protest against the periodic Israeli blockade of food, water and electricity to West Beirut.

"This is our way of showing our solidarity with those in Beirut who are being victimized," said Nouha Alhegelan, wife of the Saudi Ara-

bian ambassador. "We have exhausted all words. This is the only way."

Mrs. Alhegelan, who has led several other public protests of Israeli policy recently, was joined by Hala Makhoud, wife of the Arab League representative to the United Nations, Hajar Joueidi, wife of the Syrian ambassador, and two dozen other Arab women, including other wives of diplomats.

Anti-Israel ad disavowed by agency

NEW YORK (AP). — The head of a New York advertising agency said on Wednesday that one of his executives showed "poor judgement" in placing an advertisement that criticized Israel for invading Lebanon.

The ad, signed by "Concerned Americans for Peace," appeared in five major newspapers across the nation on July 11 at a cost of more than \$100,000. It was headlined "The people of Lebanon, innocent victims of a senseless war," and it criticized an "insensitive Israel."

The ad listed six relief organizations working in Lebanon, but it did not say they endorsed the ad's message. The organizations said it ap-

peared that they did, and they disavowed any connection with the ad. A Los Angeles post-office box number given in the ad does not exist.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Bernard Hodes, head of the agency which bears his name, said that Pat Howard, who works for his West Coast office, handled arrangements for the ad.

But he said there was "no political motive" in Howard's action and he would not be disciplined. He said the agency's \$17,000 commission would be given to charity.

Morocco rejects OAU compromise

RABAT. — Morocco will not accept a compromise proposed to save next week's threatened summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta said yesterday.

Boucetta said Morocco would not attend the OAU summit in Tripoli, Libya, as long as the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) was a member of the organization. The SADR was proclaimed by the Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara.

Iran launches new offensive

LONDON. — Iran claims its forces seized 150 square kilometres of Iraqi territory in a major offensive on Wednesday night. Iraq denied the claim and reported a successful counterattack yesterday.

A communique broadcast by Tehran Radio yesterday said Iranian forces had overrun fortified Iraqi forward positions in a two-pronged push aimed at cutting off enemy supply routes. It said fighting was continuing east of the Iraqi port of Basra, the first target of Operation Ramadan, launched on July 13.

The communique said several Iraqi divisions and armoured brigades were smashed and more than 60 Iraqi tanks and armoured personnel carriers destroyed in the attack.

Iraq, in a communique carried by its official news agency, INA, said its forces, backed by helicopter gunships, mounted a counter-attack and "succeeded in containing the offensive, continuing the pressure on the enemy on all fronts, destroying some of its forces and surrounding others."

The speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament), Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani, said yesterday that the Iranian army would march to Baghdad if Iran's terms for ending the 22-month-old gulf war were not met, Tehran Radio reported.

He warned the non-aligned movement against attending a meeting in Baghdad scheduled for September, saying the city was not a safe place for the summit to be held. (Reuters, AP)

Reagan waits for Brezhnev 'to tango'

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan said on Wednesday night that he does not know whether he will meet with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev "this year or next or at all."

Reagan, who earlier this year raised the possibility of an autumn meeting with the Soviet leader, said the Soviets have done no more than indicate an interest in a meeting.

"It takes two to tango," he said. "A summit isn't the answer or the cure for everything that's wrong in the world," Reagan said at his nationally televised news conference.

He said that if "there is a real purpose" in meeting with Brezhnev, "we'll have a summit."

Reagan said he has "no second thoughts" about cutting off American technology for the Soviet natural gas pipeline to Europe and that relations with the Western allies remain good despite this order. He also defended U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union at this time.

Reagan explained that the "technology for the pipeline is mainly obtainable only from the U.S." He said, "Grain they can get from other places. We wouldn't be achieving as much (with a grain embargo)."

"Grain will result in the Soviet Union's having to pay out hard cash and they're not too flush with that right now. The pipeline will result in the Soviet Union's getting hard cash that it can use to build up its military might," the president said.

He called European unhappiness with the U.S. embargo on pipeline equipment "kind of like a fight inside the family — a family fight, but it stays together."

(Reagan on Lebanon — back page)

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NATO insists on more changes in Polish policy

BRUSSELS. — NATO said yesterday that recent Polish steps to ease martial law were a move in the right direction, but were not enough to make the Western alliance change its policies towards Warsaw.

Measures announced this month by the Polish government for easing martial law fell short of NATO's requirements for changing its policies, but were "a movement in the right direction," a NATO spokesman said.

Quoting a text agreed on on Wednesday at a meeting of the 16 ambassadors forming the NATO Council, the spokesman said the steps "fall short of fulfilling the

declared intentions of the Polish leadership and the three criteria set out by the alliance on January 11, 1982."

NATO foreign ministers said that normal relations with Poland could resume only when martial law was ended, all detainees were released and a dialogue between the church, the state and a free trade union movement re-established.

No formal declaration was issued after Wednesday's meeting as some delegations preferred to keep up "low-key, subtle pressure on the Polish authorities," said one NATO source who asked not to be named.

Black and white youths riot in Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England (AP). — Ramping black and white youths set fire to an empty apartment building and stoned police and firemen in new violence in Liverpool's troubled Toxteth area, police said yesterday. No injuries were reported.

The disturbances erupted on Wednesday after a memorial service for a 23-year-old crippled man who was fatally injured when run over by a police car during riots last year.

About 30 youths began throwing

rocks at passing cars, police said. Later, a vacant five-storey apartment building was set on fire, and youths stoned firemen trying to put out the flames. Four persons were arrested.

Police Inspector Kenneth Milne said police did not think the incidents were racially motivated. Both black youths and white youths were involved, he noted.

"He said the disturbances were 'in no way comparable' to the fierce street battles that broke out in Toxteth last summer."

Gandhi in U.S. to improve relations

WASHINGTON (AP). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, bidding for improved relations with the U.S., told President Ronald Reagan yesterday that despite India's close ties to the Soviet Union "one friendship does not come in the way of another."

Reagan said that differences in approach between the U.S. and India should not obscure their common goals and interests and "the rediscovery of how important we are to each other."

In strikingly conciliatory statements following a long diplomatic chill, Reagan and the 64-year-old Indian prime minister stressed the common ground between the two countries.

Gandhi's visit, which began on

Tuesday in New York, is her first to the U.S. since 1971.

Reagan welcomed Gandhi to the White House in a traditional ceremony of marching bands, herald trumpets, waving banners and the 19-gun salute given to visiting heads of government.

"We both desire the peace and stability of the Indian Ocean area and an early end to the occupation of Afghanistan," Reagan said.

He said both seek "an equitable peace in the Middle East" and "an honourable settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict."

Hours before the meeting, it was learned that the U.S. and India were near agreement on a framework to resolve a long-simmering dispute over India's nuclear programme.

Soviet space station 'ceases to exist'

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet space station Salyut-6 ended nearly five years in orbit yesterday and "ceased to exist" after re-entering the earth's atmosphere over the Pacific Ocean, Tass reported.

The Soviet news agency said the space station and a linked spacecraft, Cosmos 1267, were braked and put into descent trajec-

tory after the path was altered on Wednesday using the station's power unit.

After firing the "Cosmos" retro-rocket yesterday, the vehicles re-entered dense layers of the atmosphere in a "preset district over the Pacific and ceased to exist," Tass said.

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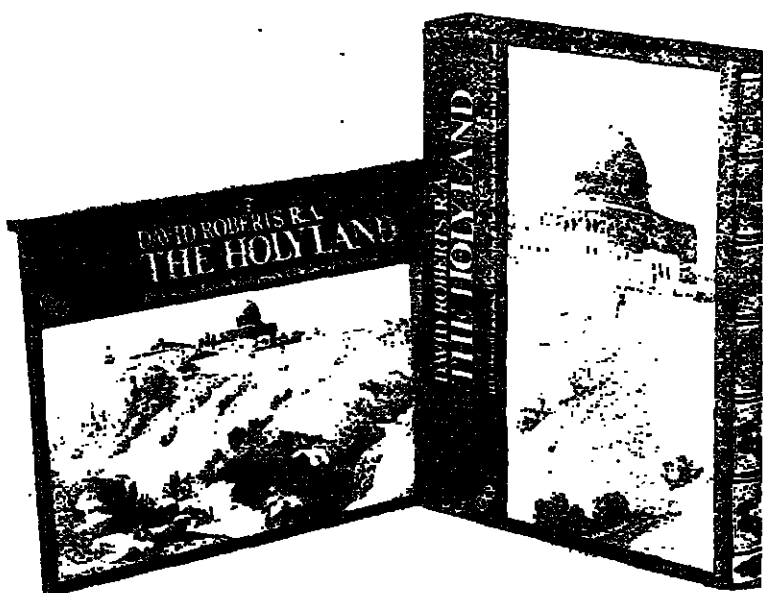
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Ministering to the media

By MARK SEGAL/Post Political Correspondent

'We failed in handling the media once the fighting began'



OPERATION Peace for Galilee has highlighted the government's outdated approach to the media, and the most immediate need is for a body that will coordinate the output of the Foreign Ministry, the Army Spokesman's Office and other official sources.

That was as far as Ehud Olmert was prepared to go about his plans while his appointment as Prime Minister Begin's deputy minister for information has still not been endorsed by the cabinet and the Knesset. His appointment may now not go through because of opposition from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir (reported on page 3).

Born 37 years ago at Nahlat Jabotinsky, Ehud Olmert was the third son of Revisionist farmers' leader Mordechai Olmert (the fourth, Yosef, was to become one of the country's top experts on Lebanon and Syria. An article by him appears in today's magazine section.) In 1966, as a student at the Hebrew University, Ehud was part of a famous Herut palace revolution, when he had the temerity to urge the beloved party leader to step down. But he has long since been forgiven, and so impressed was Begin with his loyalty and his oratorical gifts that for the past year he has been the Likud's main parliamentary spokesman.

After a decade with the Free Centre, he stayed on in the Likud with Eliezer Shostak, now the health minister, leader of the La'an faction, which has lately resolved to join Herut.

DISCUSSING his views on information policy in a broad fashion at his Jerusalem home this week, Olmert said that he saw it as operating on two view levels: the diplomatic plane, and the media. Focusing on how Israeli information about the war had worked, he discerned a clear contrast between the two. He claimed that Israel had been relatively successful in putting over its position prior to June 6, with the operation's basic purpose lauded by the U.S.

Even after almost two months of fighting, there were no differences of opinion with President Reagan — and even with the new secretary of state, George Shultz — over three basic premises: eradication of terrorism from Lebanon; removal of all foreign troops; and ensuring Israel's security. This was the result of solid diplomatic efforts in Jerusalem by Premier Begin, Defence Minister Sharon and Foreign Minister Shamir, and of Ambassador Moshe Arens in Washington in the U.S.

When Olmert was in the U.S.

three weeks ago, Arens told him that from the very day he assumed his duties, he had talked with every American official he met about the need to launch an anti-terrorist operation into Lebanon, and he had been impressed by the administration's understanding of Israel's war aims.

"That part was well planned and executed," he declared, "but unfortunately we failed signally in handling the media once the fighting began. We didn't succeed in adjusting to changing circumstances. We still thought and behaved in conventional patterns, and the result was that we lost a fine opportunity to achieve a greater understanding."

He sought to pinpoint Israel's failure on the information front. Such major newspapers as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* acknowledge that the PLO is a terrorist organization, and lately have recommended that the U.S. not recognize it.

"But on the other hand, we lacked the capacity to provide a sufficiently convincing argument against the charge that we had overreacted in Lebanon and overdid our use of force, thereby wreaking havoc among the civilian population. That's really awful, because the charge is patently false."

"Our image was impaired in a sphere where we have justified grounds for great pride. Our army is a humane body of men and our soldiers have shown a great sense of moral responsibility in a battle against an evil and murderous enemy. Nonetheless, a totally different impression has taken root in world public opinion. If that's not failure, then I don't know what is."

BEFORE PROCEEDING with his theme, Olmert took pains to stress that "it isn't because we don't have a separate Information Ministry. Indeed, I see no need for one." With a more sophisticated approach, the existing machinery could have adapted to the problems that arose during the fighting.

"We prepared good written information material, but once the shooting began no one bothered to open the pamphlets. Regrettably, in the heat of war we failed to be properly organized and to break through routine patterns of work."

For example, when the foreign TV networks started broadcasting unbalanced scenes of destruction from Sidon and Tyre, Israel issued a statement of denial. "But words don't suffice in this case. Pictures have to be answered with pictures."

Asked what he would have done if he had had the necessary authority, Olmert said: "For one thing, I would not have issued any denial via the army spokesman. Instead, I would have invited an opposition figure like Yitzhak Rabin or Motta Gur to hold a press conference with the foreign media, in the main square of Sidon. They would take the world press and television would have been shown the town they had claimed was totally rased. Rabin, as a non-government figure would have added extra credibility."

"But instead of taking such a step we hesitated and mumbled. By the time we got going telling the facts, the false image had already become embedded in people's minds. It's very difficult to fight such lies, and they take root if they're not tackled immediately."

AS TO Israel's failure with the foreign correspondents, Olmert said he was convinced that many of them were resolved not to allow the facts to penetrate their shields of prejudice. "Nevertheless, we should do our utmost not to heighten their hostility and should even try to win their minds and hearts." He regretted that Israel had failed to handle the foreign correspondents correctly, adding "Yes, I realize that there is latent anti-Semitism in the world, and that from time to time it bursts forth in various forms. There's little we can do with newspapers and TV stations and correspondents who a priori treat us as the enemy. But we can do much, much more to persuade those who are more open-minded."

Here he made a specific proposal: "I would have enabled representatives of the various media to be

present at the pre-battle briefings of IDF commanders. I would have tried to reach an understanding with them over the security aspects. After all, there are few secrets that don't leak out."

"An arrangement like that would have provided the foreign press corps with a first-hand opportunity to hear of the stringent precautions the IDF took to avoid harming the civilian population. I think that in that case they would have reported differently. I would then have made it possible for them to accompany our fighting units. My approach to the working media is to give them the chance of becoming involved in what we do, rather than let them become instruments of the enemy."

HE REITERATED his conviction of the need for a supreme coordinating body encompassing all

those engaged in information work, such as the Foreign Ministry, the Army Spokesman's Office, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Information Centre. He would emulate the IDF wartime organizational structure of front-line and rear command officers (*hapak, hapa*) and establish a permanent information apparatus that would work swiftly and smoothly in time of war and other crises.

"If that had been in existence before June 6, we would not have had unfortunate conflicts of orders between the Foreign Ministry and the Army Spokesman's Office," he declared, giving as a prime example the mix-up over the "RPG kids," when as a result of contradictory instructions from the two official sources, a brilliant information opportunity had been lost.

THE LIKUD spokesman averred that the country's leaders, and in particular the three top ministers — Begin, Sharon and Shamir — had been under-employed in the wartime information effort. Why?

"Perhaps there is a lack of awareness at the top political level of the need to wage an information campaign parallel to the military operation. In the end we lose out by this, as has been proved in the present war."

If the handling of the foreign media had been such a flop, what of the way the local press had been treated, with the Israeli public kept under a media blanket of "battle fog" and the premier boycotting the editors of the country's newspapers?

Olmert excused the authorities' behaviour as due to circumstances surrounding the taking of points along the Beirut-Damascus highway. He added: "A problem emerged with soldiers of the fighting units who did not know precisely what they were doing and they grew angry at the gap between the statements issued by the army spokesman and the facts on the ground. I know that most soldiers realize by now how important it was to take the highway as a major political bargaining factor. But, I agree it's a pity that they weren't kept properly informed at the time."

He conceded that the Israeli press should have been given more access to what was going on, adding:

"But I do understand to what an extent Arik Sharon feels he has fallen victim to nasty personal attacks in the press, which caused him to break with military correspondents and other newsmen." Here he took

off at a revealing tangent.

"I fully appreciate the need to meet the requirements of the Israeli press, but the main problems are with foreign information, and we must do our best to rectify those mistakes with an eye to the future."

OLMERT DID NOT accept the notion that part of the cause for the unprecedented phenomenon of dissent in wartime was due to Begin's having gone to war without ensuring a broad national consensus. He contended that for many months the premier had striven to reach an agreement with the Labour Party over the operation in Lebanon.

"Military operations were put off time and time again, partly because of the vocal opposition mouthed by Labour's leaders."

In the final analysis, he argued, national consensus cannot be the opinion of the minority. Did he call nearly half the electorate a minority?

"One has to differentiate between politicians and the people. There is most decidedly a broad consensus shared by the population. The same applies to a sizeable body of hawkish opinion in the Labour Party, which supports the operation. Yossi Sarid, who is very much against, remains in splendid isolation. So I don't think one should be overly impressed by sounds of dissent emanating from the Knesset. "It's understandable, perhaps, that Labour, and Shimon Peres in particular finds it rather tough to see Menachem Begin waging a war and earning the nation's admiration only three months after he himself failed to bring down the government."

Olmert said that now that Tehiya and Telem had joined the coalition, Israel had a stable government which, with a comfortable majority of 64, could easily serve out its term until 1985.

Wouldn't Tehiya's co-option harm the government's image because of its ultra-nationalist platform? Olmert answered frankly:

"Tehiya is of importance as regards all those attacks on Begin from the left. However, should certain political exigencies arise involving other decisions, then the premier could always expect to summon a massive Knesset majority with other elements in the House."

"Begin has informed Tehiya that he will keep faith with the peace treaty and the Camp David process. But it would also be a good thing for the world to know that it is worthwhile expediting the autonomy discussions, for time is not working for those elements who advocate considerable concessions."

Envoy of excellence

By GIDEON RAFAEL/Special to The Jerusalem Post

it would be advisable for Jerusalem to worry."

He had grasped early, that although the politics of Israel appeared sometimes rather convoluted and opaque, plain talking befitted best its style of life.

WALWORTH BARBOUR represented three American presidents with three Israeli prime ministers. He was deeply impressed by Ben-Gurion, who held him in the highest esteem. He enjoyed immensely the earthiness and level-headedness of Eshkol, who greatly valued his views and trusted his advice. He treasured the friendship and admired the single-minded dedication of Golda, who shared with him in full confidence her sorrows and anxieties, relying on him to smooth occasional rough spots in relations between the two countries.

The only problem he had had with Golda that perplexed him, but which he solved in his own amiable way, was where to direct the prime minister when the guests got up from his congenial dinner table and the men withdrew to his study for cigars and politics and the ladies assembled in the drawing room. For a moment, Golda and Wally stood at the crossroads. Then his face lit up in a broad smile: "Well Golda," he said, "didn't Ben-Gurion once say that you were the only man in his cabinet? Why don't you join us in the study?"

When Wally Barbour left Israel at the beginning of 1973, the state was preparing to celebrate the 25th year of its independence. He had been with us for half of that time. He arrived when the country was enjoying a period of relative tranquillity, expanding its economy, gathering strength, absorbing immigrants, extending its relations with the countries of Africa and Asia, strengthening its bonds with Europe and above all was deepening and diversifying its close relations with the United States. The part he played in this sphere was invaluable

and deserves to be told in full when the time comes.

He went with us through the tribulations and triumphs of the Six Day War and the anguish of the succeeding War of Attrition, which his quiet, persuasive and persistent diplomacy helped so much to bring to an end in August 1970. The promotion of peace between Israel and its neighbours came high on his agenda. He constantly looked for new openings and prodded the government to seize opportunities. But he never deluded it with unfounded optimism which his integrity and soundness of judgment would not have allowed.

Wally Barbour headed a wall-to-wall coalition of friends, encompassing the entire spectrum of the Israeli society. His home and heart were open to ministers and kibbutzniks alike — and during his term some of them were both ministers and kibbutzniks. He was an avowed bachelor. His sister Ellen was his delightful and devoted hostess. Her hospitality exuded New England charm and warmth tinged with Israeli informality and an infectious sense of humour, a distinctive family feature. Badinage and serious conversation were typical Barbour fare.

Wally was a heavily set man. He moved slowly but was endowed with a remarkable intellectual agility which was as impressive as his easy-going and confidence-winning manner was endearing. It was not his towering physique that made him a prominent feature on Israel's diplomatic landscape, but rather his sterling human qualities. Humbly, but with natural authority, he walked among his colleagues and friends.

SINCE HIS retirement and his return to his native New England, his attachment to Israel remained solid. When we had dinner at his home in Gloucester (Massachusetts) a few months ago, he was deeply concerned about the un-

certainities facing Israel and its declining fortunes in the U.S. Wherever possible he had valiantly advocated Israel's cause in public. But in private he felt bound

to express to his friends his anxieties that Israel was pursuing a course dangerous to itself and harmful to its relations with the U.S.

Last Sunday, together with the paper carrying the grievous news of Wally's death, I received his last letter, written a few days before he succumbed to a heart attack. His letter contained a sombre assessment of the situation created by the war in Lebanon and some ideas for a way out of the imbroglio: "In these situations," he concluded, "I

tend to grasp any straws even if only slightly stirring."

Walworth Barbour had been America's longest-serving and most deserving ambassador in Israel. Both countries are deeply indebted to this wise and great American, a concerned and committed friend of Israel until his dying day.

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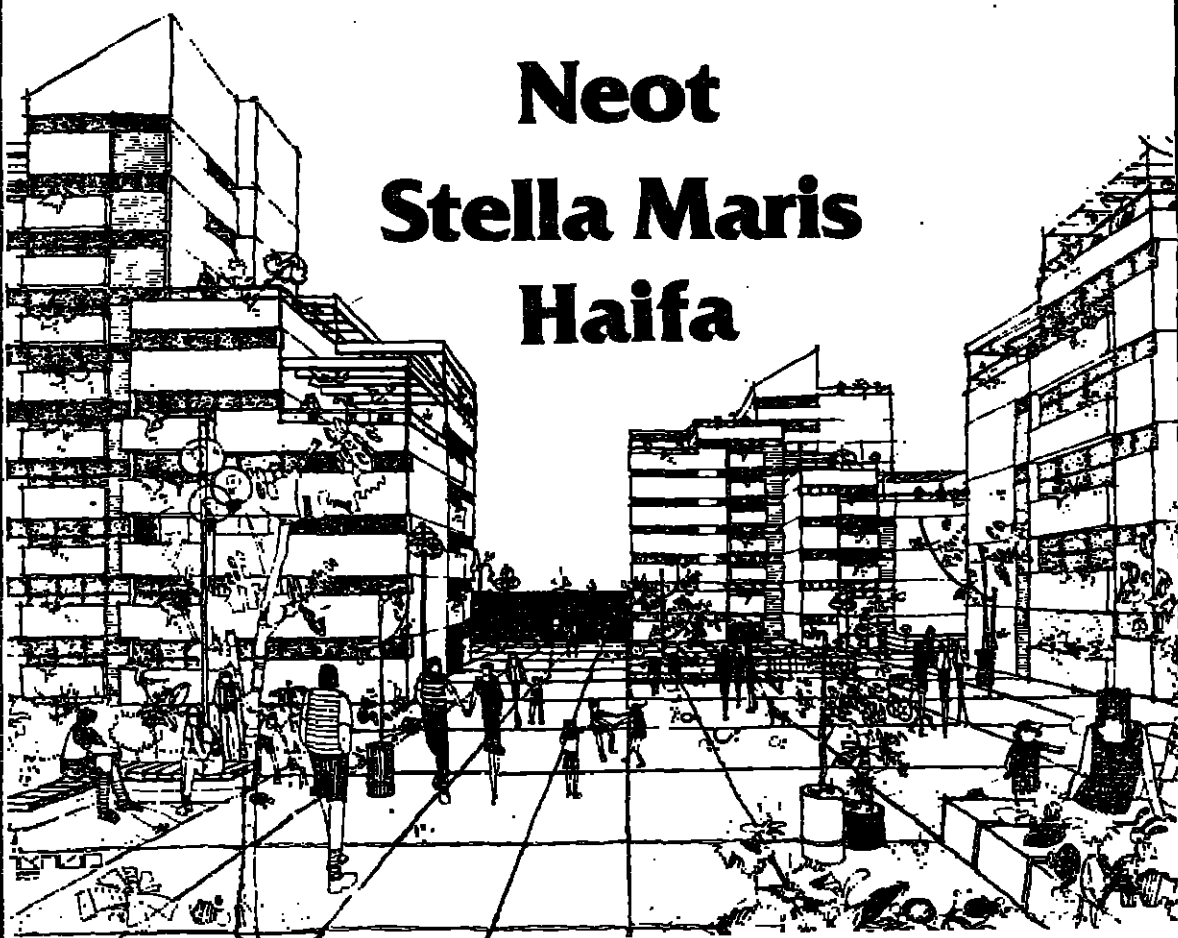
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THE WAR in Lebanon is now in its 54th day. The overall picture this week was not unlike that of last week. There was time to think. Two separate but not unrelated issues kept coming to mind: Israel's information policy and how, after the first days of a lightning military campaign, we got stuck in Lebanon.

That Israel's information services failed during this war is all too obvious. Why they failed and how well truth was served by the media are separate issues. The debate on who is to blame and what went wrong will go on and on. There will certainly be some scapegoats, just as there will be charges and countercharges.

In the meantime, a belated effort is being made to correct the horrendous impression that Israel's actions in Lebanon have left on the world — and some belated successes can be noted.

Perhaps the truth of PLO despotism in Lebanon will blunt the scorching criticism Israel has been subjected to, and no one can argue that if one really thinks about it, British censorship during the Falklands fiasco was much worse than that applied in Israel.

While any attempt to uncover the truth and expose some of the lies directed against Israel — whether motivated by outrage or honest journalism — is worthy of respect, the cardinal question has nothing to do with journalistic integrity during Operation Peace for Galilee.

The cardinal question is, what has

happened to Israel's image over the past few years that has brought the world to the point where reports of alleged Israeli atrocities are credible. How is it possible that both Jews and non-Jews can actually believe that the Government of Israel is capable of "Nazi-like" actions? That term was used by more than one commentator in such countries as France, the U.S., Britain and even Germany.

Educated, well-informed people believed reports that the IDF was indiscriminately bombing civilian targets; and they believed that what they were witnessing was the implementation of a "final solution" for the Palestinian people. They believed that Israel was indeed guilty of atrocities.

The answer, or at least part of it, is that we have made such things believable. If one considers the picture of Israel that has been conveyed to the outside world over the past few years, one can understand why the subtle distortions, exaggerations and blatant lies have become credible.

FOR YEARS the world has seen vivid pictures of riots in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. The West Bank story has been the darling of the media for five years now. Until last month hardly a week had passed without the people of Kansas being taken down the streets of Nablus, where gallant students, armed only with rocks, took on helmeted riot police toting the best weapons

IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH

By HIRSH GOODMAN

money could buy.

That these riots were minuscule when compared to scenes in the streets of Frankfurt, Zurich, Paris and London seemed to be irrelevant. Riots in Zurich happen once a year. Here, and on television screens around the world, they were very much a part of the day's news, and thus very much part of the image — the cumulative image — of Israel.

Then we presented the world with the Golan Heights debacle, and the battle for Yamit, where bulldozers systematically destroyed a town built by Jews for Jews. Bulldozers and ruins; teargas and repressive legislation; well-trained and hard-hitting soldiers — all were absorbed by the watching world. The world has witnessed the killing of civilians in the administered territories and in Lebanon for seven years; why should it not believe that this was the case in this war as well?

The reality of Israel's democracy, the sensitivity of its people, the

genuine uniqueness of this open society ... all these qualities have been lost in the headlines and the sensationalism of war through the camera's eye. Israel has been incredibly and tragically misunderstood. But there are reasons for this that go deeper than just charges of incompetence on the part of the country's information services, or bias on the part of the world's journalists.

Israel, for years, has been projecting images that made the lies credible. Perhaps, between the current bouts of recrimination and accusation as to who was responsible for the information mess in this war, we should stop worrying only about how the world looks at us, and spend just a little time looking at ourselves.

ONE PERPLEXING question that has yet to be answered is whether the government of Israel intended the IDF to reach the lines it did as part of an overall strategic concept,

or whether our forces got where they are without grand design.

If it was Israel's intention from the outset to surround Beirut and lay siege to the city in order to get the PLO out, then one wonders why the IDF allowed an estimated 5,000 of the 7,000 terrorists there to flee to West Beirut from the south.

The IDF's tactics were indeed aimed at preventing the terrorists from fleeing. The decision to launch forces at the Awali River just north of Sidon was intended to achieve precisely that. But the net was intended only for those terrorists caught in the IDF's defined area of action between the areas under Major Sa'ad Haddad's control in the south and the Awali River to the north.

If Damour, a major terrorist stronghold, was on the original agenda, why was the main artery of escape not cut north of Damour?

If the original goal of the operation was to get the PLO out of Lebanon entirely, why was a simultaneous at-

tack not launched against the PLO leadership which had collected in West Beirut when the IDF attacked in the south? The IDF would have enjoyed both the advantage of surprise and of the enemy's discom-bulation.

Perhaps it was the government's intention from the outset to have as many of the PLO as possible in West Beirut in order to concentrate the problem, as some have claimed. But surely the presence of 500,000 civilians in the area in which the PLO was to be congregated, would have deterred the planners from such a notion at the outset.

If Israel's original intention was to forge a link with the Phalangists in Beirut, why was the "Christian connection" not better prepared? Why did the refusal by the Christians to join the battle, or even to be overtly identified with Israel, come as a surprise?

Operation Peace for Galilee was too well thought out, in too great detail, for the situation we are now in to be a result of preconceived design.

Oddly, only by assuming that what Yitzhak Rabin calls "the plotter" (the entanglement) of West Beirut was, in fact, a trap we stumbled into, can we maintain any modicum of confidence in the government's ability to think rationally.

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Rock-throwing youths on the West Bank... 'Very much part of Israel's image.' (Rahmoun Agency)

HOPE OUT OF TRAGEDY

By DAVID HARTMAN

and refuse to face the full significance of my presence, this elicits, in turn, my negation of them as significant persons with whom I must come to terms. As a result, two groups that could have had a deep understanding of each other lived for decades ignoring each other's presence.

The campaign in southern Lebanon has been an attempt to bring home to the Palestinian community the distorted reality that the ideology of the PLO had created for them. This ideology not only brings them suffering and death, but also inhibits the full growth of their own dignity as a people. There cannot be a full flowering of the Palestinian community until it recognizes that its political and cultural development has been retarded, and even crippled, by the refusal to acknowledge the organic connectedness the Jewish people has to

this land.

We have come back to this land because, in the depths of our spirit, we never left it. We never abandoned the biblical promise to Abraham. We prayed for rain to fall on the hills of Galilee when we lived in the deserts of North Africa and the snowbound wastes of Eastern Europe. We prayed for the ingathering of the exiles three times a day. When we rejoiced with the bride and groom, we prayed that the streets of Jerusalem should be filled with laughter and joy. When we mourned, we asked God to comfort the mourner in the midst of those who mourn for Jerusalem.

If the Palestinian people would understand that we are deeply rooted in this earth, that our soul is attached to this land alone, the forces for rehabilitation and healing could begin to be felt in the Middle East. I am convinced that the

Jewish people in Israel, though at times endangered by terrorist atrocities, does not wish its reborn dignity to be at the expense of the dignity of the Palestinian people.

THE NATIONAL renaissance of Israel grows from a deep desire on our part to be able to trust others. By seeking to join the world community as an independent nation, we have demonstrated that our faith in our fellow human beings had not been totally destroyed by the trauma of the Holocaust. By the nightmare of destruction and evil. We do not seek to be a lonely people separate from "humanity." Our rebirth was meant to express a deep readiness of the Jewish people to respond with goodwill to the goodwill of others.

In reestablishing our political independence, we seek to live in frameworks of interdependence within the family of nations. We seek to live in frameworks that acknowledge that no one culture or one people can exhaust the full meaning of truth, spirituality and creativity in the modern world. Only in listening to each other, only in learning from each other, only in cooperating with each other can we give expression in our finite human way to the infinite wisdom that emanates from God. No human group can exhaust the infinite plenitude of divinity.

Our return to our land will be incomplete without a return to building trust with our neighbors. But the legacy of centuries of persecution still huddles in our soul. Therefore, I ask the Palestinian people and our Arab brethren to give us the power to trust them. Cease the preaching of disparagement and hatred against us, which only reawakens our memories of past suffering. Show us that our wish to trust is not in vain and that you can respond in dignity and in friendship.

You cannot simply demand that we take bold risks. We are a traumatized people, whose wounds have not yet healed. Nor can we heal ourselves without the help of others. Only the goodwill of our Palestinian and other neighbors, only the goodwill of other nations in the world, only that can convince us that our desire to trust is not an illusion.

In Operation Peace for Galilee, we have destroyed the ideology that represented Israel as a passing fancy. We have demonstrated that we are a force that is permanently rooted in this land. We know that by power alone one does not create a civilization, but we also know, from our millennial experience, that without power, civilization is only a dream.

MOST OF US also know that destroying the PLO ideology will not destroy the just yearning of the Palestinian people to regain its dignity after decades of misery. On the contrary, it can be the very event that creates a chance of that yearning being fulfilled. If the Palestinians can separate themselves from the ideology that has brought so much havoc to their lives, new possibilities can emerge for both them and us. If they can find a new perception of their own aspirations, one that permits dialogue and understanding between themselves and us, we Israelis in our turn must discover new ways to appreciate the striving of the Palestinian people for dignity.

WE MUST realize that the rebirth of Israel will always be incomplete for as long as it takes place at the expense of the Palestinian people. The return of dignity to the Palestinians is crucial for our own spiritual and cultural renaissance. Within Israeli society, a new spirit is now beginning to be felt. More people are talking about the problem of the Palestinian people. There is a feeling of greater urgency that we must seek for a solution to this problem if the rebuilding of our own society is to be meaningful.

If we are not an alien import, then neither are the Palestinians. The Palestinian people is not a passing phase in the twentieth century national renaissance of Israel. It is here, and we cannot deny its right to be here. We must be ready to respond to the rise of a new spirit among the Palestinians, to play our part in the process of healing that could follow the rejection of the ideology that has created such destruction in this area.

However, the healing of relations between the Palestinians and the Israelis will not come about through Arafat declaring that he recognizes our existence or his pretending to recognize it. No declaration by those who created an ideology of genocide against the Jewish people, whose purpose in life is our destruction, can be taken seriously or heal the wounds inflicted on us by organizations whose rationale is murder. Healing can only be a process of years, during which both peoples reeducate themselves, develop new sensibilities, alter their national aspirations and self-definitions.

It is a mistake to demand a complete solution now, before either of us is psychologically ready to accept that responsibility. It is a mistake to prescribe now what will come after five or ten years. If we try to define the end before we have begun the process, we never will begin. Our first step must be simply to demonstrate our willingness to begin the process of seeking a solution, to demonstrate trust in the sincerity of each other's wish to bring that process to a successful conclusion.

LET US hear words of trust. Let us see actions that demonstrate willingness to build together in understanding. Actions demonstrating trust, concern and mutual respect will by themselves create options unavailable now, when we are still haunted by a climate of distrust.

There is no escaping the close proximity and interconnectedness of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples. The solution will have to be of a much bolder and more imaginative nature than the relatively simple solution found in the case of Israel and Egypt.

There are no large areas that can act as buffer zones, no ironclad defences that can provide the security we need. Only a thoroughgoing change of heart, only a new respect for each other will create the conditions of security needed for both our peoples.

That process may be longer in coming to fruition than an attempt to impose a solution now, but it will also be much more lasting in terms of its effects. The Palestinian people should not judge what is ultimately possible by what emerges in negotiations at this period. They must recognize that we need to begin a process in which each step should be judged by whether it increases the ability of Palestinians and Israelis to understand each other, to accept each other as indigenous to this land, to build frameworks of cooperation and to heal the wounds of decades of hostility.

It is in this sense that Operation Peace for Galilee may bring to both Israel and the Palestinian people a genuine new opportunity for a peaceful existence. Israelis and Palestinians need not live as historical fatalists who believe that the conflict between them is eternal. Periodic wars need not be our destiny. Let both our peoples show resolve to grasp the opportunity of replacing the tragedy of the past with the hope for the future.

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Riding the Palestinian horse

By YITZHAK BEN-GAD / Special to The Jerusalem Post



His attacks on Arab leaders, together with his hot temper, are largely responsible for his failure in the Arab world'

LIBYA'S President Muammar Gaddafi is an unusual and colourful figure in the Arab world. He is known for his original and sometimes astounding views. Most recently, he sent Arafat, encircled in Beirut, a message recommending that he commit suicide as the "best option under the present circumstances."

In an interview in the Italian paper, *La Repubblica*, Gaddafi said that the other Arab countries "did not help the PLO in Lebanon because they are reactionary and hostile to freedom and human rights, to name only a few of their characteristics." Gaddafi added that "there was an agreement between Saudi Arabia, King Hussein, the Palestinian rightists and Hassan, king of Morocco, and that this agreement permitted the Israeli invasion into Lebanon, at a time when the Iraqi regime is falling apart."

At the time of Libya's bloodless military coup d'état in September, 1969, the Revolutionary Command Council proclaimed a "Libyan Arab Republic" that will strive for a revolutionary, socialist and progressive Libya, and the fight against imperialism.

Gaddafi advocates action in three spheres: the Arab, the pan-Islamic and the international. Seeing his own role as a continuation of the revolutionary mission of the late Gamal Abdel Nasser, Gaddafi differs from the former president of Egypt only in the third sphere. In his book, *The Philosophy of the Revolution*, Nasser limited the third sphere to Africa. Gaddafi sees it as encompassing the entire world. The Libyan president's difficulty is that while on the one hand he receives a tremendous income from oil, his country has a small and backward population. But his ambition, overweening to the point of arrogance, is such that he cannot forgo the attempt to fill the leadership vacuum which, in his view, was created by Nasser's death. He is convinced that the divided and stormy Arab world offers fertile ground for the attainment of his goal.

GADDAFI'S alternative to capitalism and communism is pan-Arabism, and the main components of Libya's pan-Arab policy are the achievement of Arab unity and the continuation of the struggle against Israel. Within the Arab circle, Gad-

dafi is the most active leader. In an attempt to unite the Arab world, he tried to make an alliance between his own country and Egypt, Tunisia and Sudan. The attempt failed, and he became exceedingly bitter, accusing the other heads of state of treason.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is regarded by Gaddafi as an act of treason on Egypt's part towards the Arab world in general and the Palestinians in particular. As a result, Egyptian-Libyan relations reached their lowest ebb, as the two heads of state accused each other of betraying the Arab cause, and not always in the most diplomatic language. In moments of anger, Sadat described Gaddafi as "possessed by a devil," and "sick in the head."

If one traces Gaddafi's policy in the Arab sphere carefully, one finds that it is characterized by one miscalculated step after another. Lack of political maturity, impetuosity, extreme, violent and at times ludicrous reactions are the rule. His frequent bitter attacks on Arab leaders who express disagreement with his policy, together with his hot temper, are largely responsible for his failure in the Arab world.

Omar Meheishi, former member of the Libyan junta now living in Egypt, describes Gaddafi's behaviour as "crazy." He relates how, in a fit of rage, the president would destroy the furniture in his office, or tear his clothes to shreds. He would also aim his pistol at close friends on the Revolutionary Council in order to frighten them into accepting his opinion.

AMONG Gaddafi's failures in the Arab circle are the following:

On July 2, 1976, Gaddafi intervened to help the Sudanese rebels in an attempted coup d'état meant to overthrow President Jafar Numeiry's regime. Gaddafi misread the entire picture. Despite his assistance, the rebels were defeated. This is just one example of how Gaddafi ruined his relationship with a neighbouring Arab state, and gained nothing in return.

Since the Yom Kippur War, Gaddafi has done his utmost to establish and consolidate the "eastern front."

He wanted to challenge Sadat's political initiative and to offer the Arab world a military option, despite the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. Gaddafi failed to take into account the traditional dissensions between Syria and Iraq, Jordan and Iraq, Jordan and the PLO, Syria and Jordan. More important, he disregarded the differences of opinion between himself and most, if not all, of the leaders of those countries. The Iraqi-Iranian war, together

with the fact that Libya and Syria supported Khomeini, was a severe blow to the plan to establish the eastern front. Iraq, one of the leaders of the Arab "rejection front," cannot forget the "treason" of Gaddafi and Assad. Instead of helping Iraq, an Arab country and like them a member of the Arab rejection front, they helped Khomeini. Saddam Hussein, president of Iraq, feels that these leaders cannot be trusted and that Iraq

should have nothing whatsoever to do with them.

Subversive activities, adopted in accordance with Gaddafi's radical principles, have placed Libya in a position of almost total isolation in the Arab world. Diplomatic relations between Libya and seven other Arab countries have been severed: with Egypt, because of the peace agreement with Israel; with Sudan, over Libyan subversion and support, including military aid, for

elements opposing the Sudanese regime; with Oman and Somalia, as a result of their support for Egypt's policy in connection with the peace agreement and their readiness to grant military bases to the U.S.; with Morocco, due to Libyan support for the Polisario and its recognition of the "Republic of the Sahara"; with Saudi Arabia, because of its ties with the U.S. Gaddafi also claims that the Riyadh regime is an untrustworthy guardian of the holy places, and has called on the Moslems to wage a jihad to liberate the holy places of Islam in Saudi Arabia, because of the presence of "impure" AWACS planes in that country.

Libya's relations with those Arab countries where diplomatic ties have not been severed are also disrupted and irregular. One such example is Tunisia. Libya's relations with Jordan are also tense, because of the latter's refusal to allow PLO terrorist activities against Israel from its territory.

It appears that Libya's extremist policies have even created tensions in one forum where one would have expected it to find backing — the Arab rejection front. Relations with Algeria have also cooled, against the background of the occupation of Chad and Libya's independent activity in the Sahara conflict.

FAILING TO FIND common ground with most of the Arab leaders, Gaddafi has decided this time to ride the Palestinian horse. Libya's extremist policy regarding the Middle East conflict in general and the Palestinian issue in particular has, during Gaddafi's rule transformed that state into a dedicated and loyal ally of the PLO.

Differences of opinion between the two may surface from time to time, but these are soon forgotten in favour of their fundamental common interests. The PLO continues its unreserved support for the Arab rejection front, as does Libya. The declared aim of the rejection front is the destruction of the state of Israel.

Gaddafi's desire to assume responsibility for the Palestinian cause, and to gain control of the PLO and determine its policy, has

converted Libya into one of the PLO's principal bases. Terrorists receive military training, large quantities of weapons and financing and assistance in carrying out terrorist operations throughout the world.

Evidence of stronger ties between Libya and the PLO can be found in the frequency of meetings between them for consultation and coordination. Between April 27, 1981 and August 2, 1981, Arafat and Gaddafi met six times in Libya. In this same period, other PLO leaders met either with Gaddafi or with his prime minister, Abdul Salam Jallud.

Evidence of the massive scale of Libyan military and financial aid to the PLO can be found in the words of Ahmed Jibril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC), in an interview with the Beirut daily, *Al-Safir*, on July 19, 1981: "Libya offers weapons not only to the PFLP-GC, but also to Fatah. Libyan aid is such that there is no need for further Arab aid. Members of the PFLP-GC train on Soviet MIG-23 aircraft in Libya. Libyan aid to the Palestinians amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars."

Now that the PLO is in trouble in Lebanon, Gaddafi feels he cannot do much to help. The Libyan leader's call upon Arafat to commit suicide along with his people in Beirut, is perhaps the best testimony to his helplessness and bitterness.

Libya is a relatively wealthy country that could have influence on other Arab countries in difficult economic straits — especially Egypt, and to some extent, Syria.

The leaders of those countries, however, are fully aware of the danger posed to their regimes by Libyan radicalism. These leaders also realize that it is easy for Gaddafi to call for a radical stand against Israel, since he is geographically far away. The fact that the Libyan leader is tough, and at times erratic, makes his opposite numbers think twice before engaging in dealings with him.

There is an Arab proverb which says: "Sometimes the wind blows in a direction the ship does not want to go." For Gaddafi, this is exactly the case.

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Reparations fraud trial

By TOM TUGEND / Jerusalem Post Los Angeles Correspondent

U.S. Attorney Mark E. Kalmansohn. He cited government evidence that Kozminski had defrauded 3,000 Nazi victims "in the U.S. and throughout the world" and has received more than \$250,000 from them since 1974 alone.

Even these figures, the prosecuting attorney told the court, cover only those cases which the government can document.

KOZMINSKI was born in Lodz, Poland, and during World War II was in a number of concentration camps. At Auschwitz, Kozminski allegedly told friends, he was put in charge of a kitchen during the night shift.

After liberation, he launched a variety of businesses in West Germany, including a Munich cabaret-bordello. In another enterprise, he collected fees from Nazi survivors living in Germany to care for their relatives' graves in Poland and in two instances was accused of failing to place tombstones on graves after receiving payment. The charges were not brought to trial but, said Kalmansohn, the German courts convicted Kozminski in six other cases involving fraud and theft.

In 1969, Kozminski arrived in the U.S., married a former Auschwitz inmate, and settled in Beverly Hills. The following year, U.S. authorities started deportation proceedings against Kozminski, based on his criminal record and other charges pending against him in Germany.

During the deportation hearings,

Kozminski denied any past criminal convictions but acknowledged that he had been named in several civil actions. The 13-year old deportation case has never been resolved.

His deportation problems notwithstanding, in 1969 Kozminski set up a Restitution Office in the Jewish Beverly-Fairfax area of Los Angeles.

According to the indictment, Kozminski persuaded Nazi victims to name him as their legal representative in pursuing their claims against the West German government.

IN ADDITION to advance retainer payments in cash, Kozminski's earnings were to consist of a 15 per cent commission on German payments collected, but actually, the government charges, he pocketed all or most of the money for himself. Though business boomed for a while, a less profitable picture was presented at the bail hearing for Kozminski.

When the U.S. magistrate asked Kozminski's wife, Esther, whether she could pledge \$25,000 in writing so that her husband could be released on bond, the couple engaged in the following dialogue:

"I don't have that much money," said Esther Kozminski.

"Sign it, sign it," her husband ordered impatiently.

"Why are you disappointed," she retorted. "We've been married 14 years and you haven't yet bought me a pair of slippers... I love you very much and I don't know why..."

I'm trying to do my best to help you."

Esther Kozminski finally agreed to "take a chance" and co-signed the \$25,000 pledge, but her reluctance drew attention to the couple's recent financial problems.

Faced by declining business and increasing legal problems, Koz-

minski filed a petition for bankruptcy three months ago. He claimed assets of less than \$8,000 and debts of \$306,000, the bulk owed to his clients. His only income, he declared, consisted of U.S. Social Security payments — and reparations he himself receives from the German government.

Kozminski was freed on bail, but three days later he was back in court on the government's charge that even the bankruptcy petition had been fraudulent. The judge raised the bail bond to \$40,000 and when Kozminski failed to post the higher amount, he was sent to jail.

The initial trial date has been set for August 31. If convicted on all counts, Kozminski faces a maximum penalty of \$15,000 and 75 years in jail.

Following the indictment, it was revealed that at least one major American organization aiding Nazi victims has for seven years requested U.S. authorities to investigate Kozminski's activities.

Anny Maass, who heads the Los Angeles office of the United Restitution Organization, said their efforts had been in vain, adding "he (Kozminski) is a dark blot on the reputation of Jewish people."

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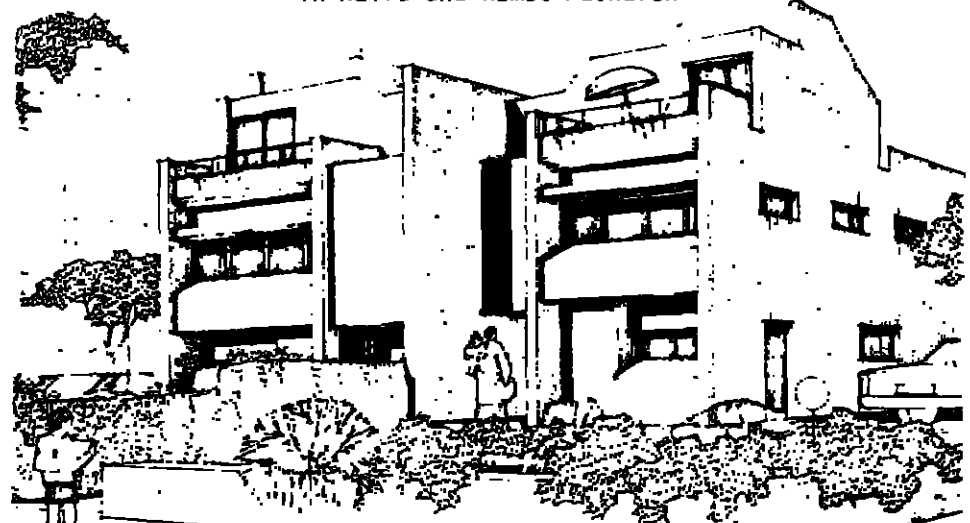
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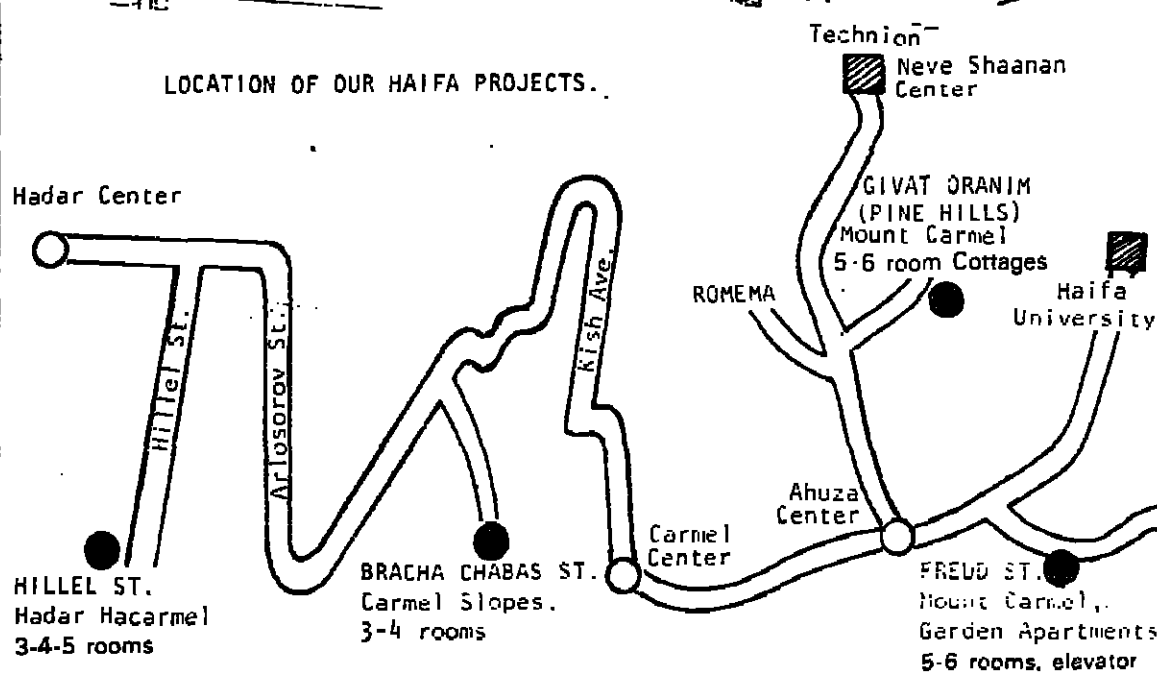
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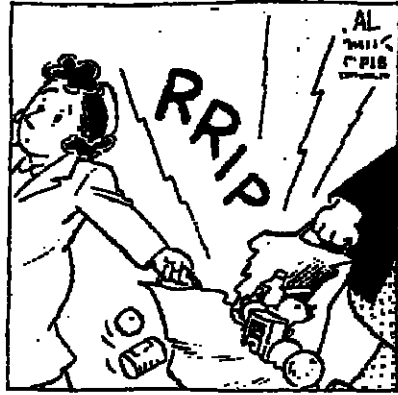


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Sports

Imram tears England apart

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters). — Pakistan captain and pace bowler Imran Khan recorded his best bowling figures ever against England in the opening day of the first cricket test at Edgbaston yesterday.

Imran's seven-wicket haul for 52 runs, included the prize scalps of opener, Derek Randall, David Gower and all-rounder Ian Botham as England crumbled to 272 all out, after being seemingly well placed for a big score at 164 for two.

But Botham, bowled by paceman Imran for two, struck back swiftly when Pakistan went into bat. In the only over bowled before the close of play, he trapped Mudassar Nazar leg before to leave the touring team on four for one.

England made a bad start, losing

Randall and Allan Lamb with only 37 on the board. But a fine third wicket century stand by Chris Tavaré and Gower pulled the innings round. Tavaré, a reluctant opener, playing with the patience of a Geoff Boycott, made 54 in 255 minutes.

Gower, sporting a black eye and a swollen cheek — the result of an injury in a county championship match two days ago — went on to make 74 in great style before being caught off Imran by wicket-keeper Wasim Bari.

Imran, with his tail up, ripped out the last four English batsmen to finish with seven for 52 from 25.3 overs. South African-born Ian Greig, making his test debut, scored 14.

Rain stops play in South Orange

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (UPI). — Raul Ramirez of Mexico scored a rain-delayed 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over 19-year-old American to Todd Witsken on Wednesday night to reach the quarter-finals of the \$125,000 Volvo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here.

Ramirez, the no. 2 seed, won seven of the last nine points in a match resumed at 4-4 in the third set. The match began in the afternoon but heavy rains halted play and wiped out two other first-round matches.

Ramirez cited experience as the

determining factor in his victory. "I had a big edge because I've been through these delays before," said Ramirez, ranked no. 20 in the world. "Besides, when we resumed the ninth game, I felt like I was winning because he had to serve at 0-15.

In the only other afternoon match, American Mike Cahill upset seventh-seeded Alejandro Gansabal of Argentina 6-3, 6-2. Cahill, who reached the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open last year before losing to Jimmy Connors, was playing in his first tournament since he had knee surgery in March.

Motor-cycle star hurt in triple crash

SILVERSTONE, England (AP). — Former world 500cc motor-cycling champion Barry Sheene broke both legs and his left hand in a 150 miles per hour crash at the Silverstone Track on Wednesday.

Sheene, 32, was taking part in an unofficial practice session for Sunday's British Grand Prix. He was involved in a collision with Jack Mid-

delburg of Holland and Frenchman Patrick Igoa.

Midelburg, winner of last year's British Grand Prix, suffered back injuries while Igoa fractured his right collarbone. All were in satisfactory condition, a spokeswoman for the Northampton General Hospital told the Associated Press.

Three Argentines join Bnei Yehuda

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three talented Argentinian Jewish footballers have been persuaded to immigrate here and will play for Bnei Yehuda next season, the club's sponsors, Elite of Ramat Gan, announced yesterday.

The three are Sergio Gerardo Jauvel, aged 21, a stopper; Andres Schor, 21, a striker; and Luis Alejandro Chamamah, 22, a midfield player. All three played for second division clubs in Argentina. Their clubs were extremely reluctant to let them leave, David Shulami, the chairman of Bnei Yehuda, the pride of Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter, told pressmen.

Shulami and coach Shlomo Scharf visited Argentina to negotiate the release of the players and persuaded their parents to let them play in Israel. The Jewish agency paid their way here and is accommodating them at Beit Millman where they will attend an ulpan. "The Argentinians will be paid less than many Israeli first division players," Filsoff declared in reaction to reports of their being paid flat dollar salaries.

"We hope they will help raise the level of league soccer here and will integrate well," Scharf said.

Boxing isn't sweet to Sugar

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Sugar Ray Leonard, recuperating from eye surgery, is hinting he may retire from the boxing ring because the love he had for the sport has "died out."

"I don't even think about fighting," he told *The Washington Post* just two months after he was due to defend his welterweight title against Roger Stafford. "I don't get the urge. I don't get edgy. I can relate to what they go through. But the pistons don't budge. I love boxing now as a spectator. I appreciate the talent. But the love that I had, it's died out."

Leonard, 26, who underwent surgery to repair a partially detached retina on May 9, said he may announce in the next two to three months a decision on his future plans.

But his comments appeared to suggest his retirement.

Braves scalp Padres

NEW YORK (AP). — Phil Niekro became the 34th pitcher to win games and Bob Horner drove in five runs with two homers as the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 8-6 on Wednesday night and thereby opened a wider gap in the National League West race.

Niekro, 10-3, worked seven innings, allowing five hits while walking two and fanning three. He was working on only three days rest and lifted his lifetime record to 250-219. Two relievers finished up for the Braves, including Gene Garber, who posted his 19th save.

It was the third straight victory for the Braves, who stretched their NL West lead over the second-place Padres to eight games, their largest lead of the year.

Horner drilled a two-run homer in the first inning and added a three-run shot in the third, both off Andy Hawkins, 1-2.

The win was the 60th of the season for Atlanta, and the 30th time this year they have come from behind to win.

Elsewhere in the NL, Warren Cromartie and Tim Lincecum each drilled three hits and knocked in a run apiece to lead Montreal to a 5-3 victory over Chicago. Mike Schmidt cracked his 16th homer of the season and Philadelphia scored three runs on two Pittsburgh errors in a 4-3 victory over the Pirates.

Art Howe hit a two-run double in the sixth inning to Houston to a 4-2 victory over Cincinnati behind Joe Niekro's seven-hitter.

Lonnie Smith tripled home the tying run in the seventh inning and scored one out later on George Hendrick's double, helping St. Louis rally to a 7-5 triumph over the New York Mets.

In the American League, Richie Zisk belted a two-run homer and a double, extending his hitting streak to 15 games, and leading Seattle to a 6-2 victory over Minnesota.

Dwight Evans drove in four runs with a pair of homers and Carney Lansford capped a six-run fifth inning with a three-run shot as Boston rallied from a six-run deficit to beat Toronto 9-7.

Eddie Murray and John Lowenstein drove in sixth-inning runs as Baltimore edged Chicago 2-1 behind the nine-hit pitching of Scott McGregor and two relievers. Baltimore posted their seventh straight victory.

Rookie Carmen Castillo cracked

a two-run homer — his first in the majors — to back the three-hit pitching of Rick Sutcliffe and Dan Spillner to give Cleveland a 4-2 victory over Kansas City.

Ted Simmons' sacrifice fly in the eighth inning scored Paul Molitor with the winning run and gave Milwaukee a 3-2 victory over Texas as the Rangers lost their final game under manager Don Zimmer.

Pinch-hitter Bobby Murcer hit a three-run homer to spoil Detroit reliever Bob James. American League debut and to cap a five-run seventh-inning rally that powered the New York Yankees to an 8-7 triumph over the Detroit Tigers.

In a late AL game on the West Coast, Don Baylor and Ron Jackson each drove in four runs with three hits apiece, as the California Angels battered the Oakland A's 13-1 behind Mike Witt's six-hit pitching.

In the NL, Joe Morgan singled to open a four-run first-inning rally and drove in the 1,000th run of his career in the third, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

STANDINGS

American League				
Eastern Division				
Milwaukee	57	40	.588	1
Boston	57	41	.582	2
Baltimore	54	41	.568	3
New York	49	46	.515	7
Detroit	50	47	.515	7
Cleveland	47	48	.495	9
Toronto	46	52	.469	
Western Division				
California	56	43	.566	2
Kansas	53	44	.546	3
Seattle	51	48	.515	5
Chicago	49	48	.505	6
Oakland	41	60	.406	16
Texas	38	58	.396	16 1/2
Minnesota	34	66	.340	22 1/2
Wednesday's games				
Seattle 6, Minnesota 2				
Boston 9, Toronto 7				
Baltimore 2, Chicago 1				
Cleveland 4, Kansas 3				
New York 8, Detroit 7				
Milwaukee 3, Texas 2				
California 13, Oakland 1				
National League				
Eastern Division				
St. Louis	57	42	.576	1
Philadelphia	55	42	.567	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	51	45	.531	4 1/2
Montreal	51	46	.526	5
New York	44	54	.449	12 1/2
Chicago	40	62	.392	18 1/2
Western Division				
Atlanta	60	37	.619	—
San Diego	48	46	.515	8
Los Angeles	52	49	.515	10
San Francisco	48	52	.480	13 1/2
Houston	43	54	.443	17
Cincinnati	37	62	.374	24
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Javelin record

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MY CURRENT trip to Israel, the territories and Lebanon has led me to believe that both hawks and doves are missing key points about the PLO issue.

One mistake of the hawks, and many others, is to object to negotiating with the PLO because its proclaimed objective is the destruction of Israel. It is said that Israel is situated in an area whose people desire its disappearance. But that is a fact, and for now, Israel must accept it.

Israel's long-term goal must be to achieve peace, despite its neighbours' desire to destroy it. (The provisions of the PLO Covenant calling for Israel's disappearance only put in writing what most, if not all, of the states in the area also desire.)

Nevertheless, Israel can some day achieve this goal, because its neighbours, and the Palestinians, desire things besides Israel's destruction. Like all of us, they cannot fulfil all of their desires, and must compromise on some of them.

The hawks also need to recognize that Israel's ultimate goal must be peace. It is extremely unwise for Israel not to pursue this goal, however distant, and even though the way there cannot be seen.

The hawks should come to understand that it is in Israel's interest that an organization representing the Palestinians' national claims exists. Such an organization is needed to negotiate with Israel and to speak with other nations for the Palestinians. These functions can be performed only by an organization that the Palestinians perceive as understanding and sharing their desires, which includes in their hearts of

DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE PLO

By MAX SINGER

hearted the disappearance of Israel. Any organization that formally and as a matter of principle accepts the right of Israel to exist in the Middle East cannot do the job that Israel and the Palestinians need to have done.

Many hawks also fail to comprehend that one cannot think about destroying the PLO, without thinking about an alternative body to represent Palestinian national aspirations.

Allowing an alternative to develop is as much or more of an attack on the PLO as killing its soldiers and leaders. Both are necessary.

THERE ARE two objections to the PLO as a negotiating partner. Each is absolute and can never be overcome by the PLO. Both should be understood in considering alternatives to the PLO.

The first objection is that it represents neither the desires nor the interests of the Palestinians as normal human beings. Palestinians are concerned not only with their national rights and claims; they also care about peace, safety, economic well-being and development, personal freedom, etc. Peace can only come when Israel's neighbours and the Palestinians decide that they can get more from peace than they can without it.

In diplomacy and in the discussion of international issues, as in personal life, certain conventions develop. In polite company, one

comes to accept the facade or the word for reality. But in the case of the PLO, the practice of dealing with the idea or idealization rather than the reality has been carried to a tragic extreme. Now we must break convention and look at the reality of the PLO.

The second objection to the PLO as a negotiating partner is that the PLO is a criminal fraud. The people who run the PLO have stolen the idea of Palestinian national aspiration and are using it for their cruel and selfish personal purposes. By their performance in power and in combat, they have been shown to be human scum who deserve only to be despised and outlawed. The supposed friends of the Palestinians — in the Arab countries, in the West, and in Israel — who have closed their eyes to the facts about the PLO are accomplices in this crime.

MANY ISRAELIS today are suffering from having had to kill children in the fight against the PLO in Lebanon. And many other Israelis die because they or their countrymen were slow or unable to fire at children, even when those youths were armed with RPG's. Most of the civilian dead, of the Palestinian dead, in this war were killed as a result of the deliberate and systematic use of women and children as shields, as cover, as decoys — in short, as human sacrifices for the PLO. Others were hostages killed by the PLO when they tried to escape.

The PLO killed Arab men, women and children not only for their blood, and not only to try to protect the lives of PLO "fighters." They also killed to embarrass Israel in the "public opinion war." And public opinion must now be forewarned of what to look for if the IDF goes into West Beirut — a deliberate PLO murder of Palestinian and Lebanese hostages merely to increase Israel's embarrassment. Continuing the charade that the PLO is a real political organization, deserving diplomatic treatment — as argued by the doves on the left — only compounds its crimes and inhibits the search for peace. The charade is a servant of the enemies of peace.

THE SITUATION in the world and the region forces Israel to act like a power, although most Israelis would prefer to act like a Switzerland. Just as England for centuries defended her small island partly by the strength of her fleet and partly by political efforts to ensure that Europe was divided, so Israel needs to defend itself partly by political maneuver. Sometimes aided by force and the loss of life, and partly by defending against direct and immediate threats. In the long run, such a policy should cost fewer Israeli lives. Until Syria is willing to make

peace with Israel, there is little possibility of peace on the basis of negotiations with Palestinians, however "moderate" they come to be. But it is sound long-term policy for Israel to do what it can to expose and defeat the PLO theft of Palestinian nationalism.

The Sharon policy, being implemented by Prof. Menahem Milson in the territories, and the attack against the PLO in Lebanon, justified by the shelling and threat against the Galilee population, are part of this programme. Together they have a good chance of working. Already in March, Yitzhak Rabin noted that the Jordanian action against the Village Leagues indicated that the Sharon/Milson policy was working, and stated clearly that this programme is a necessary part of any movement towards peace, on whatever basis.

Across the political spectrum in Israel, there has been much opposition and little support for the Sharon/Milson programme. This only shows the shallowness and partisanship of the discussion. It may be the highest political wisdom for Peace Now to regard the need to defeat Begin as a supreme cause, which justifies opposition to all his works and all his colleagues, no matter how useful their immediate results may be.

But one gets the feeling that much of the opposition to the Sharon/Milson programme is not based on a strategic judgment balancing the direct benefits for

peace and justice against the indirect costs of giving aid and comfort to Begin. It often seems more of a blind reaction against Begin and Sharon, and an echo of the screams of those who confuse the idea of Palestinian nationalism with the real PLO. The "friends of peace" should take a cup from Rabin and others who have recognized that the political fight against the PLO in the territories by the "civilian" administration is a necessary precedent to any kind of peace programme.

Of course, neither the administration in the territories nor the IDF in Lebanon can create a legitimate Palestinian national organization which Israel needs. That must be done by the Palestinians and others with a genuine interest in peace in the area.

In fact, the real job of Israel's representatives in the territories and South Lebanon may be to fail. A new nationalist organization trying to compete with the PLO must be careful to avoid the Quisling label. And it may serve Israel's purposes to see the forces it encourages in the territories defeated at the hands of a genuinely representative — but non-PLO — Palestinian nationalist organization.

ISRAEL PAID a high price in Lebanon and has many serious problems with the U.S. administration and much of the media-intellectual community. But Israel's

fundamental security position seems very good for the next five or ten years. This fundamental strength springs from the medium-term policy of Egypt, which is peace with Israel; the deep division within the Arab world; the decline of the oil weapon, which will probably continue; the growing absolute and relative strength of Israel's army and arms industry; the weakening and possible destruction of the PLO, which in any case is very unlikely ever again to achieve the position it held on June 5, 1982; and the possibility that Lebanon will be restored as an independent nation desiring peace with Israel.

The longer run prospects are less immediately promising. Nothing can be solved with Syria if the present government policy continues, and no satisfactory solution in the territories is visible today. But those growing up now in Syria and other countries see with their own eyes that a peace between Israel and an Arab country is not inconceivable, and does not bring down Allah's vengeance. Sooner or later, Lebanon may be added to the list of states making peace with Israel. Reducing the level of the PLO poison may eventually produce a long-term benefit.

So although impatience and high hopes see failure, a prudent long-term perspective is reasonably encouraging.

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PRIME MINISTER Menachem Begin celebrates his 69th birthday tomorrow. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish him a happy birthday. The problem, of course, is what to give him as a present. One suggestion heard often these days is West Beirut.

EVER SINCE Yitzhak Rabin added that colourful Yiddishism "plotter" to our national vocabulary to describe what he saw as our predicament in West Beirut, my philological advisors have been on the lookout for an appropriate English equivalent. Casting aside such sober terms as impasse and dead-end, I've put my bets on "Gordian knot," as the most appropriate in flavour. According to my *Oxford Illustrated Dictionary*, it was an intricate knot tied by Gordian, King of Phrygia (not far from modern Lebanon) which Alexander the Great cut with his sword after an oracle forecast that the man who loosened it would rule Asia. For my money, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon would be the man to cut this plotter, especially since he was the one who tied us up in it.

Mind you, it's hard to follow Arik's zig-zags. This week he told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that his meeting in Beirut with U.S. envoy Philip Habib was "extremely cordial and amiable." This was in stark contrast to the version from Washington, which had a bellicose Sharon sending Habib's ECG into a series of valleys and peaks.

It seems Habib told Sharon that his mediation was hampered somewhat by turning off the water and electricity supplies to West

Beirut, with Sharon snapping, "then don't get upset."

After our new counsellor in Washington, Binjamin Netanyahu, was told by a senior State Department official that Arik had behaved like "a bull in a China shop," Begin got upset at "the demeaning zoological reference to a senior minister."

THE DEFENCE MINISTER and Mrs. Lily Sharon were the stars at the big splash put on by Egyptian Ambassador Sa'ad Mortada at the pool of the Dan Accadia in Herzliya Pithah to mark his third Egyptian National Day in Israel. The Sharons stayed until the end when the minister was invited to cut the cake, baked in the form of the Egyptian flag, with pyramids in ice cream providing a backdrop. As Sharon did the honours, he observed in Hebrew, "You can be sure there will be another Arab country to sign a peace treaty with Israel very soon."

The party was a huge success, with a little excitement added at the beginning when a power failure plunged the pool area into darkness. Almost everyone was there except for premier Begin, angry at the nasty references to him in the Cairo press. There were interesting conversations going on — Arik Sharon with his predecessor but one, Ezer Weizman, Abba Eban with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, and in a quiet corner away from the crowd — Shimon Peres in earnest conversation with David Kimche, the director-general of Yitzhak Shamir's Foreign Ministry.

LABOUR'S Yitzhak Rabin continues to use the war in Lebanon as a backdrop to the upcoming party leadership struggle. I was advised this week by party sources that he took a critical line a week ago when meeting a group of American Conservative rabbis, fearing that the war in Lebanon "might become our Vietnam."

HASBARA has become the latest battlefield in the Jewish wars. This

Birthday dilemma

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week's targets were army spokesman Tal Aluf Ya'acov Even, and Foreign Minister Shamir, the latter attacked by Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Chairman Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar.

At the moment Ben-Elissar was mounting his attack on Shamir, that latter was giving an interview to an American TV team, followed by one from France.

At the Foreign Ministry, they claim that Ben-Elissar was settling an old personal account from his days at the Cairo embassy. He certainly enjoyed the support

of Labour's Chaim Herzog, who accused ministry officials of being bogged down in bureaucratic routine.

Perhaps the attack on Even was unfair, considering his problems with his bosses, Chief-of-Staff Rafael Eitan and Arik, but that doesn't explain why throughout the war, he has only bothered to pay one visit to the briefing centre for foreign journalists going into Lebanon, which operates in Geshet Haziv.

WHETHER SHAMIR did or did

Tree worship

TORA AND FLORA/Louis I. Rabinowitz

Portion of the Week. Va'Ethanan, Deut. 3.23-7.12. The verse discussed is 4.16.

THE PORTION which is read this weekend includes the second version of the Decalogue, the third commandment of which prohibits the making of a graven image, "even any manner of likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth."

It does not mention the nature of the image, but that lack is fully detailed in the previous chapter. "A graven image, but even the form of any figure the likeness of a male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on earth, the likeness of any bird... and anything that creepeth upon the ground... of any bird... of anything that is in heaven, the sun, the moon and the stars, and worship them" (4.16-19).

In that detailed enumeration there is one item missing: the worship of trees.

That unusual omission of the mention of flora in idolatry is partially, but only very partially, remedied in the Haftarah, taken

from the book of Isaiah. "A holm oak is selected; he chooseth a tree which does not rot, he seeketh a skilled craftsman and sets up an idol..."

That, however, refers to an idol made of wood. The tree is but the raw material as is the gold and silver mentioned in the same chapter.

Yet, despite that fact there is ample evidence of the actual worship of trees as such in the Bible. As we read in Deuteronomy 16.21, "Thou shalt not plant thee an asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the Lord thy God."

Although there are Biblical scholars who are of the opinion that it refers not to the worship of a tree, but to an image fashioned from wood, the specific mention of "planting" the asherah, and that adjacent to the altar, seems clearly to indicate an actual tree.

But in addition to that, there is ample evidence of actual tree worship during Biblical times. There is historical factual evidence of the worship of trees during the period of the monarchy, and to that subject we shall revert at some length in a subsequent article.

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- Old definition of "faring" (7, 2)
- As author, sign the two (4, 5)
- The foot-rest you move right up (7)
- The part of the father in "Conditional Release" (6)
- Opening, or little job, filled by a learner (4)
- Went off in working order again (8)
- Guarantees conflict and storms (8)
- It's flat, lady, with a point on the end (4)
- He shoots the bird with the red tip to its tail (6)
- Providing he does his job (7)
- Resolve to have the new meter in when Enid returns (9)
- Exposed the profit in it and tried to get it more cheaply (9)
- Spot on! (7)
- Not just plain? (6)
- Face the other way and go off (4)
- When the order comes round, cut down (8)
- Anyhow, the laws, as yet, have to be broken (9)

DOWN

- Extracts from "A Fool Stands Up To Wise Men" (8)
- The return of the others from the wood (6)
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- Inventor number eleven coming up (6)
- The ribbon dropped right into the ship (8)
- Who stole the bird? (3-7)
- Because it grows, neglects it (7)
- The saline solution is for her (6)
- What an ape might be mad on (7)
- Raid one and/or destroy it (6)
- She's in Maine without mum again (5)
- Walk home (3)
- "Not yet" is dead right (5)
- The mother and aunt will be out in Italy (6)
- Have no reason to be in such a hurry? (3, 4, 3)
- Fight an inexperienced uprising (3)
- Russian salad, for instance, is rather colourful (7)
- Had been over-bold, one thought (8)
- What one might need when the sun goes down in Wales (8)
- The incivility that denotes a lack of culture (8)
- Make a rep hover outside while another rep goes in (7)
- Three to examine? That's right! (6)
- Confound the silencer! (6)
- A gun to play with and a sweet (6)
- Large church (9)
- Incomparable (9)
- Put into bondage (7)
- Insignificant (6)
- Step (4)
- Arty type (8)
- Seasoning (9)
- Arriving, slang (7, 2)
- Rested? (7)
- Hurried (6)
- Cultural pursuits (4)
- Playing for time (8)
- Anguish (8)
- Pain (4)
- Floor (6)
- Forms (7)
- Spaniel (8)
- Movement (6)
- Trained (8)
- Off course (6)
- Pleads with (8)
- Ships' screws (10)
- Indigenous (7)
- Very angry (6)
- Storm (7)
- Outcome (6)
- Repair (5)
- Mat (3)
- Flowers (5)
- Give a sermon (6)
- Meddles (10)
- Twenty-four hours (3)
- Walked in step (7)
- Became ill again (8)
- Making provision (8)
- Distraints (8)
- Leaves (7)
- Samples (6)
- Ill-will (6)
- Overjoyed (6)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Expectations (9)
- Sugar and egg-white (8)
- Flag (4)
- Animal pen (6)
- Exact (7)
- As a rule (9)
- Arriving, slang (7, 2)
- Rested? (7)
- Hurried (6)
- Cultural pursuits (4)
- Playing for time (8)
- Anguish (8)
- Pain (4)
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- Forms (7)

DOWN

- Spaniel (8)
- Movement (6)
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Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS. — 4, Car-ess. 7, Prune-lla. 8, Noble. 10, Tread. 13, Bone. 14, Serb. 15, Tree. 16, Tea. 17, O-pie. 19, Moon. 21, Fire alarm. 23, Mole. 24, King. 26, Sax(e). 27, Abel. 29, Afar. 32, Scar. 33, Snake. 34, Catchy. 35, Electric. 36, Pet-Ted.

DOWN. — 1, Spots. 2, Outer. 3, Head. 4, Canoe. 5, R-OBE. 6, SU-llen (rev). 9, One-man. 11, Red. 12, A-boil. 13, B-R-eaker. 15, Tie. 16, To-M. 18, Preach. 20, Organ. 21, Fox. 22, Lil. 23, Man-age. 25, Yak. 28, Bay-Ed. 30, Fairy. 31, R-each. 32, Scot. 33, Sack.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 4, Dearth. 7, Retrieve. 8, Pirate. 10, Globe. 13, Iona. 14, Sole. 15, Ants. 16, Bet. 17, Split. 19, Ever. 21, Collected. 23, Some. 24, Nose.

DOWN. — 1, Brags. 2, Stool. 3, File. 4, Depot. 5, Aura. 6, Totter. 9, Insets. 11, Log. 12, Besom. 13, Intents. 15, Ail. 16, Bed. 18, Plenty. 20, Vcers. 21, Cod. 22, Coo. 23, Snatch. 25, Spa. 28, Aisle. 30, Audit. 31, Slugs. 32, Oars. 33, Unit.

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Dangerous syndrome

THE ILLEGAL seizure by yeshiva students of three Arab buildings near the Temple Mount on the eve of Tisha Be'Av, which came close to triggering a Moslem riot, raises some most disturbing questions about the drift of official policy.

Of all the possible points of friction between Jews and Moslems in this country, the Temple Mount is plainly the most sensitive. It is the site formerly of the Jewish Temple, and now of two among the holiest of Moslem shrines. It is a place holy to both Judaism and Islam, but it is effectively under the religious control of the Moslems. Whether Jews are enjoined by halacha from praying anywhere on it is still unsettled, but the Israeli authorities, after the unification of Jerusalem in the Six Day War, for the sake of public order, decided to ban any such Jewish activity on the Temple Mount.

To the generality of Jews in Israel, this has been an entirely acceptable arrangement. The Jews, after all, have the Western Wall for a shrine. But some tiny fringe groups, fired more by national zeal than religious fervor, have taken up agitation on behalf of at least equal rights for Jews on the mount, and some have professed even wilder ambitions for the restoration of the ancient Temple.

The police, however, has stood guard to protect the established order. Whenever attempts were made to stage Jewish prayers at the site, the lawbreakers would be disbanded. The public at large has demonstrated its exorcism of the fanatics.

Early Wednesday morning one group of fanatics, made up of students from the Torat Cohanim Yeshiva, took possession of three vacant Arab structures near the Temple Mount, one actually abutting on it and overlooking the Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. The houses have been vacant since 1972, when the army discovered that their residents were guilty of terrorist activities, and sealed them off.

The invaders, headed by Rabbi Yisrael Ariel of Yamit fame, claimed that the buildings actually belonged to Jews, but this was pure invention. More to the point, they argued that Jerusalem was wholly a Jewish city, and that it could not be divided between Jews and Moslems. It was clear that the choice of houses so near the Temple Mount was not accidental to their purpose, nor the choice of the date for their operation. They meant to uphold the cause of a Jewish Temple Mount.

Not unnaturally, the local Moslems took it as deliberate provocation. Only the energetic intervention of the police and Mayor Teddy Kollek, aided by the Moslem clergy, nipped in the bud an incipient Moslem riot. The invaders themselves have in the meantime been talked into evacuating the premises. But this does not close the issue.

There is a superficial analogy between this invasion in Jerusalem and the illegal occupation of the Haddassah building in Hebron by Kiyat Arba zealots. But there are some important differences too. In the case of the Haddassah building, although the seizure was eventually ratified by the authorities, the original action did not carry any official warrant, and was in fact carried out in defiance of the government.

In the Temple Mount case, the action was, according to the invaders themselves, sanctioned by "proper authorities." The available evidence indicates that the reference was to Uri Bar-On, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's adviser on settlement affairs.

Neither the police nor the army were privy to the yeshiva students' plan to seize the three buildings. Mr. Bar-On, who has not bothered to deny the charge, apparently acted strictly on his own, as a government-within-the-government, responsible to no-one but enjoying sovereign immunity. Such connivance by persons in authority with the acts of private lawbreakers is a most serious development, indeed it represents the grimmest aspect of the yeshiva students' caper.

Until now such shenanigans have been known to characterize only a certain breed of non-democratic country, of which Argentina is one example. It would be a tragedy if the practice spread to Israel as well.

El Al pushed into the red

EL AL, the national carrier, is still in dire straits. The company's own latest figures reveal that it lost the sum of \$53.6m. in 1981/82. Clearly El Al needs all the help it can get, and the last thing it needs is to be made to lose prospective revenue.

That, however, is precisely what the government made certain El Al would do in the plan it worked out early last May. El Al would close down on Saturdays and Jewish holidays, which would more than double its deficit. The plan set off a storm of public protest, but Premier Begin stuck to his guns, citing the Likud's commitment on this score in its coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael.

Originally the ban on Saturday and holiday flights was to have gone into effect on August 1. But the war in Lebanon intervened, so now Mr. Begin has relented. The stoppage of services would be deferred a full month, until September 1, so as not to harm the war effort.

That the stoppage, when it is instituted, will push El Al still deeper into the red, and that the government, already hard pressed to cover the costs of the war, will be required to make up El Al's enlarged deficit, is apparently a matter of little consequence.

After all, the taxpayer is always there to fund the coalition agreement, so who cares.

THROUGH THE MINEFIELD

By WOLF BLITZER

HOW MUCH MORE time can President Ronald Reagan give special Middle East envoy Philip Habib to remove the PLO peacefully from West Beirut?

At a nationally televised White House news conference Wednesday night, Reagan answered that question. "Unless and until Ambassador Habib would tell me that there's nothing more to be negotiated and he can't solve it," he said, "I am going to continue to be optimistic."

As he has on many other occasions, the president clearly demonstrated more understanding for Israel's position than most of his aides. Thus, he told a reporter that it was not just Israel that was violating the cease-fire in Lebanon. "I must remind you that it also has been two ways. The PLO... in some instances has been the first to break the cease-fire. That we would like to see ended, of course."

The president carefully avoided any criticism of Israel. He clearly feared sending the wrong signals to the PLO; he also did not want an already edgy Israeli government to get too nervous. Thus, he merely repeated his objectives in Lebanon: to see the "armed" PLO forces removed from Lebanon as well as to see the withdrawal of the other foreign forces — both Syrian and Israeli. That, he said, should be accompanied by a strengthening of the central Lebanese government. He denied there were any deadlines.

And what about the highly publicized document signed by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat last Sunday in Beirut and handed to a visiting congressional delegation headed by Republican Paul McCloskey of California? "Representative McCloskey himself has said that he now believes it did not amount to anything," the president said. Indeed, Reagan suggested that such congressional visits to the Middle East at this time were not "a good idea," given the sensitivity of Habib's mission.

THAT REAGAN remains Israel's best friend in the administration was once again confirmed at the news conference. That was made clear by what he said and what he didn't say.

Thus, there was no complaining about Israel. There was no charge that Israel had recklessly killed many innocent women and children during the latest wave of bombing and shelling in West Beirut. By his silence, the president proved that he still remains a sincere friend of Israel.

But at the same time, it would be

a mistake for the Israeli government to interpret Reagan's remarks — as well as his silence on these sensitive issues — as signalling an American green light to Israel to enter West Beirut and to destroy the PLO once and for all. Yes, Reagan's instincts continue to be more with Israel than with the Arabs. But his public posture was carefully coordinated.

According to U.S. officials, it was designed to help Habib succeed. The president was told that any direct verbal assault against Israel would merely complicate Habib's efforts — now said to be at a critical stage. And that's the last thing Reagan wanted to do.

Any such criticism would probably tend to embolden the PLO to hold out for more demands, making Habib's mission even more difficult. At the same time, it was recalled, Israel is being asked to demonstrate more patience. Why upset Jerusalem at this delicate stage?

The president actually hinted at all of these considerations when he said: "I'm hesitant to say anything further about where we are in those (negotiations) and who might be providing the stumbling block now to the steps I just outlined that are necessary to bring the peace there."

SO THE ISRAELI government, for the time being, could take some comfort in the fact that Reagan was still avoiding any direct criticism — even as Israel was continuing to be raked brutally in the U.S. news media and on Capitol Hill almost every day. The latest film clips of the destruction in West Beirut televised to millions of American homes this week no doubt further eroded public support for Israel.

On Wednesday night, for example, there was one dramatic shot of the Canadian ambassador in Beirut standing in the rubble of his destroyed apartment and asking the American public: "Where is the Israel we once knew?"

There was another shot of a hospital ward in West Beirut where a young Lebanese woman doctor was taking reporters around showing them young children whose limbs had to be amputated because of the Israeli shelling.

Not that many people here seemed to pin the blame on the PLO for placing itself in the midst of civilian populations. Israel was seen as the villain, supposedly bombing heavily populated civilian areas indiscriminately.

But Reagan was silent on these issues, even though his aides still continue to describe him as very upset at Israel for undertaking these raids. He is also said to be very angry that Israel is continuing to cut off West Beirut from electricity and water supplies at certain times.

There is still no denying that should Israeli forces move into West Beirut before Habib has exhausted all the diplomatic alternatives, the president personally could be expected to come down very hard on Israel. Perhaps a few weeks ago, that might not have been so. But today, the situation has changed. He would not restrict punishment simply to the suspended delivery of cluster bombs. There would be really serious consequences.

But for the time being, Habib is continuing his assignment. And Reagan is continuing his relatively pro-Israel posture.

THAT HAS another positive spinoff for Israel. Other U.S. officials, including Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, will now have to follow Reagan's news conference lead. While they may be less inclined in their gut to support Israel, they will have to constrain their own public comments to the guidance set by the president. That's the nature of the political system in Washington.

But while there will be only muted criticism against Israel coming from the Reagan Administration, the other voices lashing out against Israel will continue unabated.

At the news conference, Reagan, for the first time publicly, really demonstrated that he has indeed grasped the code words and nuances of Arab-Israeli diplomacy. He walked through the delicate minefield without slipping from the traditional State Department script.

Thus, in response to a question, the president confirmed that the U.S. would enter into direct discussions with the PLO if it should ever meet America's long-standing minimum conditions. "I think it would be a step forward and progress if the PLO would change the position it has had — that is that Israel must be destroyed, that it has no right to exist as a nation. What that would require is agreeing to abide by UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and agreeing that Israel is a nation and does have a right to exist."

Then I would feel that the U.S. could enter into discussions with the PLO. Now, I'm not speaking for Israel. That's up to them. We could not speak for them. But we're there as an intermediary, offering our services to try to help bring about peace in the Middle East.

Significantly, when asked if the U.S. would support the creation of an independent Palestinian state, he did not flatly rule out the idea. (The State Department never has, insisting that Camp David left all options open.) "That again," he said, "is up to the negotiators. We wouldn't impose anything on them. Egypt and Israel, under the Camp David Agreement, are supposed to enter into — now — an area of talking on autonomy for the Palestinians. And that, again, is something that has been delayed because of this tragedy in Lebanon. But I think that it is up to them as to how that autonomy develops and what they see as a proper solution to the Palestinian problem."

Regarding Lebanon, Reagan said: "There's nothing we would like more than to see an end to the bloodshed and the shelling."

REAGAN REPEATED the U.S. position on Lebanon: "We still stay with our original purpose — that we want the exodus of the armed PLO out of Beirut and out of Lebanon. Mr. Habib has been making a tour of countries to see if we can get some help in (finding) temporary staging areas for those people."

"We want the central government of Lebanon to once again — after several years of almost dissolution — to once again be the authority, with a military force and not several militias belonging to various factions in Lebanon. Then we want the foreign forces — Israeli and Syrian — both out of Lebanon. I know how sensitive these negotiations are and sometimes you lose some ground that you think you've gained, and sometimes you gain again. I still remain optimistic that the solution is going to be found."

The president was firm in denying there was any deadline. "As I say, he (Habib) has returned from that trip to other countries — some of the other Arab states and to Tel Aviv. Contrary to some reports and rumors today, there are no deadlines that have been set of any kind. There is an unsubstantiated report now that another cease-fire has gone into effect. Let's hope it will hold."

REAGAN HAS HAD some domestic headaches involving Israel in recent days, and here, too, he was effective in defusing the controversy. Thus, he expressed confidence in his controversial secretary of the interior, James Watt, who recently wrote to Ambassador Moshe Arens suggesting that U.S. support for Israel might be diminished if liberal American Jews did not support the administration's energy policies. "No," Reagan said, "he shouldn't be fired."

Reagan said that reports of Watt's letter had been taken out of context. "It was the result of a conversation with Ambassador Arens, he said, 'a lengthy discussion of this subject at a social gathering the night before. As many of us do, you go home and you think of a couple of points you hadn't made and you make them. What he was suggesting with regard to the danger to Israel was our vulnerability as long as we are dependent on oil, energy from insecure sources, and that if there should be — as we once had, an embargo — and if we should find ourselves without the energy needed to turn the wheels of this country and the wheels of industry, we wouldn't be much of an ally to our friends and that will certainly include Israel. He was making a very plain that we are morally obligated to the support of Israel."

Reagan pointed out that Watt was applauded at a B'nai B'rith gathering in New York earlier in the day when he explained his full position.

NEARLY TWO YEARS after defeating Jimmy Carter, Reagan now finally seems comfortable with the language of the Arab-Israeli conflict. During this period, he has met with many Israeli and Arab leaders. He has been briefed by the top U.S. specialists. While he has spent much more time worrying about the state of the U.S. economy, there's no denying that the Middle East has moved front and centre in consuming his energies.

White House aides, worried about the Israeli-PLO standoff in West Beirut, are expressing optimism — like Reagan himself — that Habib can pull off a deal. Deep down, they are not so certain. Yet public expressions of doubt, they recognize, will merely tend to give Israel more incentive to send in the army; they don't want that.

The writer is the Washington correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

CIGARETTES IN LEBANON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We refer to Mr. Ronnen's article of July 21, "Lebanon encounters," in which he says, *inter alia*, that in Lebanon, "there are mountains of Marlboro and Kent everywhere, made in Lebanon."

As the representatives of Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson, we wish to inform you that neither of these cigarettes are manufactured in Lebanon. Most of the cigarettes purchased by Israeli soldiers have been smuggled into Lebanon and were manufactured in various places. Due to bad storage and aging, most of these cigarettes are spoilt, have dry tobacco and bear yellow spots on the cigarette

paper. Anybody who purchases these cigarettes, may find that he has made a sorry bargain. Legally imported cigarettes in Lebanon bear a white duty paid banderol in French and Arabic, but these are hardly available due to the disruptions caused by the war.

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Meir Ronnen comments:

I did not suggest that real Marlboro and Kent are manufactured in Lebanon. Available are the local "copies." The packaging is identifiably different.

PRESENTING ISRAEL'S CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Following the publication of our letter in The Jerusalem Post of June 21, asking Israelis from Western countries to help counter anti-Israel propaganda, our office has been inundated with inquiries. We would therefore like to now inform your readers that anyone

travelling abroad this summer is invited to contact our office for further information on the subject of presenting Israel's case (Tel. 03-656891).

ZELDA HARRIS,
JEANETTE MILLER,
RONA HART

Committee of Concerned Citizens
Tel Aviv.

DOES THE CAMERA LIE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We constantly hear and read complaints about the unfairness of the pictures shown in the media in Israel and overseas. The newspapers and TV reporters always deny any intentional bias with the claim that "the camera never lies."

I think a quotation from a book by James Baldwin "The devil finds work," printed in 1976 (page 34) might be of interest: "It is said that the camera cannot lie, but rarely do we allow it to do anything else, since the camera sees what you point it at; the camera sees what you want it to see."

H. KWELLER

Herzliya.

IRELAND'S POSITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On the references to Ireland in Eli Eyal's article, "The moral reckoning" (July 25), may I say that: a) The Irish contingent with UNIFIL greatly helped to restore conditions of stability in their area for the benefit of the local population while being harassed in varying degrees by both the Haddad militia and the PLO. This action was better than words.

b) The Irish Government's policy in the Falklands war was not based

on religious grounds. They fully supported the Security Council regulations and, when actual hostilities broke out, asserted their neutrality for obvious political reasons.

c) Violence wherever it occurs and its perpetrators are condemned without double standards internationally and in the conscience of mankind.

SEAN G. RONAN,
Ambassador of Ireland

Jerusalem

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